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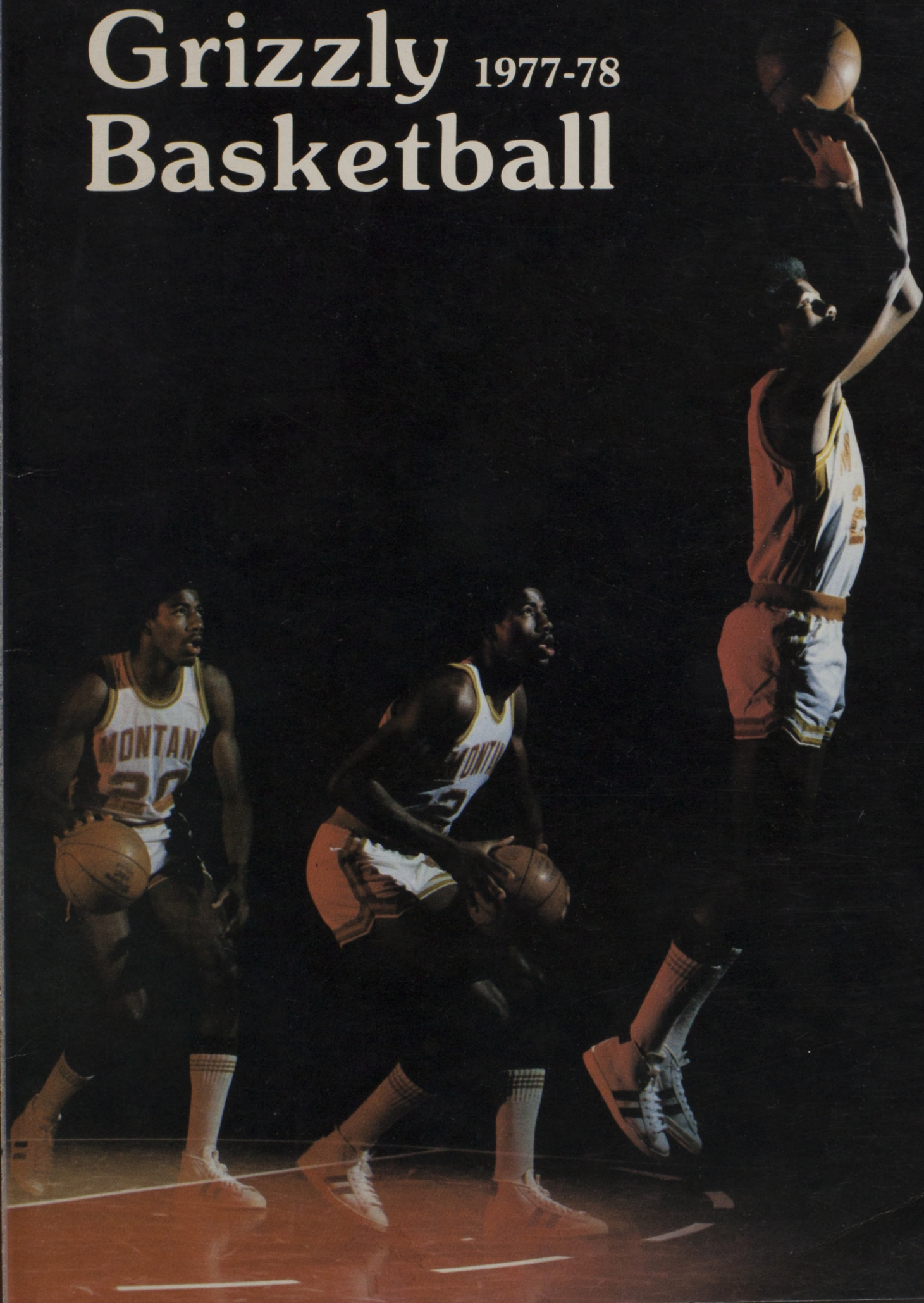
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Grizzly 1977-78 Basketball



1977-78 Grizzly Basketball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Saturday	Nov. 26	Stout State	Missoula
Saturday	Dec. 3	Northern Colorado	Greeley, Colo.
Monday	Dec. 5	Denver University	Denver, Colo.
Wednesday	Dec. 7	Portland State	Missoula
Friday - Saturday	Dec. 9-10	Cougar Classic (Montana, BYU, Cal State-Fullerton, William and Mary)	Provo, Utah
Friday	Dec. 16	St. Cloud State	Missoula
Saturday	Dec. 17	Creighton	Missoula
Monday	Dec. 19	University of Pacific	Stockton, Calif.
Wednesday	Dec. 21	Fresno State	Fresno, Calif.
Thursday	Dec. 29	College of Great Falls	Missoula
Friday	Jan. 6	Idaho State*	Pocatello, Idaho
Saturday	Jan. 7	Boise State*	Boise, Idaho
Saturday	Jan. 14	Montana State*	Bozeman, Mont.
Saturday	Jan. 21	Montana State*	Missoula
Friday	Jan. 27	Idaho*	Moscow, Idaho
Saturday	Jan. 28	Gonzaga*	Spokane
Friday	Feb. 3	Idaho*	Missoula
Saturday	Feb. 4	Gonzaga*	Missoula
Monday	Feb. 6	Athletes in Action	Missoula
Friday	Feb. 10	Northern Arizona*	Missoula
Saturday	Feb. 11	Weber State*	Missoula
Thursday	Feb. 16	Northern Arizona*	Flagstaff, Ariz.
Saturday	Feb. 18	Weber State*	Ogden, Utah
Friday	Feb. 24	Idaho State*	Missoula
Saturday	Feb. 25	Boise State*	Missoula
Monday	Feb. 27	Utah State	Logan, Utah
Friday - Saturday	March 3-4	Big Sky Championship Tournament (to be hosted by regular season leader)	

*Big Sky Conference game

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The cover photo for the 1977-78 Grizzly basketball media guide was done by Bill Sallaz of Rosenblum Gallery in Missoula. The cover features All-America candidate Michael Ray Richardson in multiple exposures.



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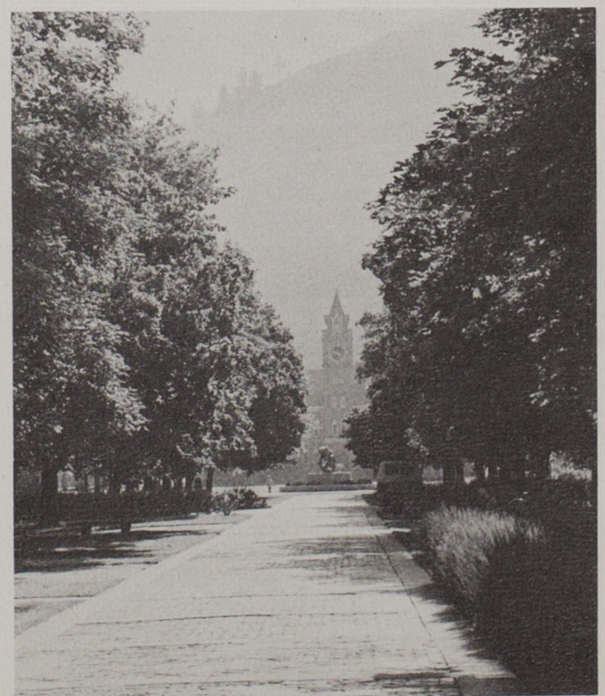
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UM Quick Facts

Location: Missoula, Montana 59812
 Chartered: Feb. 7, 1893
 Enrollment: 8,250
 President: Dr. Richard Bowers
 Athletic Director: Harley Lewis
 Basketball Coach: Jim Brandenburg (406) 243-5331
 Assistant Coaches: Mike Montgomery and Phil Rosemurgy
 Home Court: Adams Field House (9,329)
 Nickname: Grizzlies
 Colors: Copper, Silver and Gold
 Conference: Big Sky
 Commissioner: Steve Belko
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University of Montana, Missoula

The University of Montana at Missoula is located in a mountain forest setting in Western Montana. Camping, backpacking, river floating, hunting, fishing and skiing are popular outdoor activities. Four wilderness areas are located nearby Missoula, and Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks are within a short driving distance. The University maintains a Campus Recreation Service to promote recreation. Travel in the area is facilitated by major airline service, the Amtrak railway system and a major east-west freeway.

The University of Montana was chartered February 17, 1893, and opened in September, 1895, with fifty students enrolling the first day.

Throughout its history, the University has sustained a high standard of academic excellence in teaching, research and service. Today the campus has an enrollment of 8,250, approximately 450 fulltime state-supported faculty positions and more than 38,000 alumni. The University of Montana is one of six units in the Montana University System and has been designated the state's most comprehensive institution of high learning.





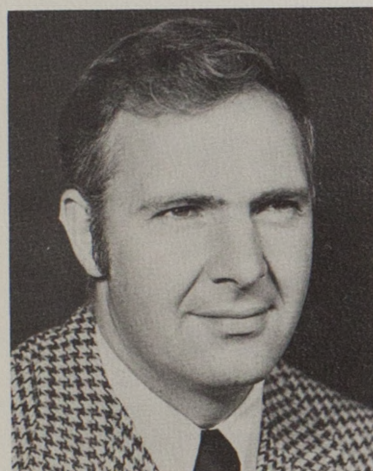
President Richard Bowers

Dr. Richard C. Bowers assumed duties as the 13th president of the University of Montana on July 4, 1974. Bowers came to UM from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, where he served as vice president and provost, and professor of chemistry.

As Northern Illinois' provost, he was chief academic officer of the University and had overall responsibility for many other university activities, including computer services, admissions and records, and the library. He also represented Northern Illinois University to the Illinois Board of Regents, the Board of Higher Education of the State of Illinois, and the State Legislature.

Prior to being named vice president and provost in 1969, Bowers served as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at NIU from 1965-69.

Bowers received his B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan in 1948 and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Minnesota in 1953. He taught at Northern University in Evanston, Ill., beginning in 1954 and became Director of Chemical Laboratories and associate chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Northwestern in 1963.



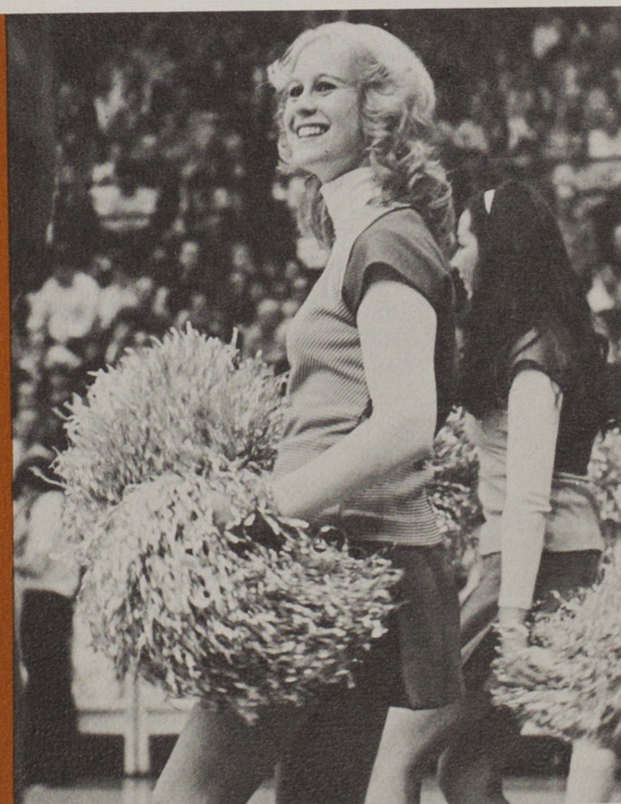
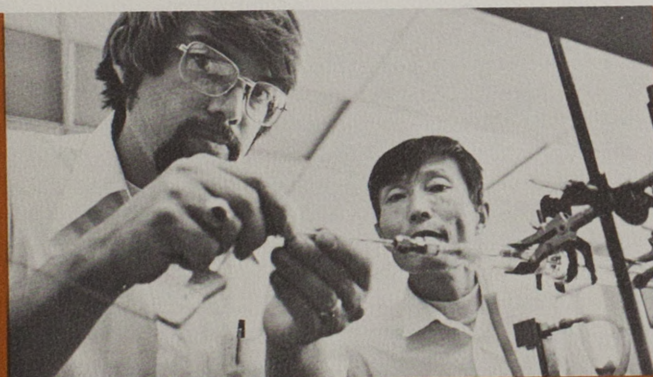
Athletic Director Harley Lewis

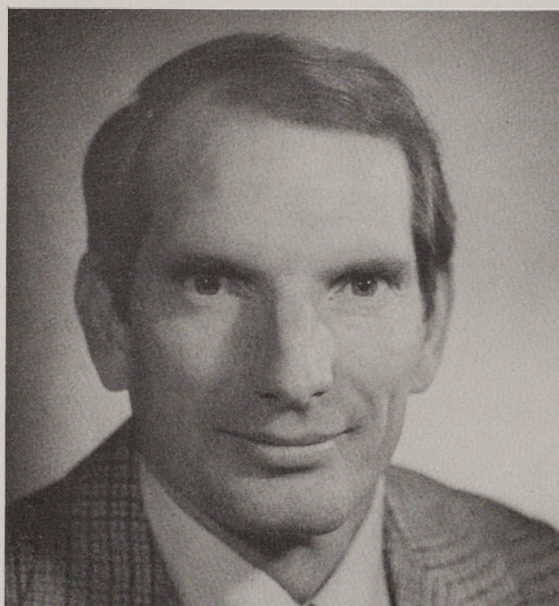
Harley W. Lewis was named athletic director at the University of Montana, effective April 14, 1976. He had served as acting athletic director from July 1, 1975.

Lewis also serves as the University's track and field coach.

A 1964 graduate of UM with an M.S. in health, physical education and recreation, Lewis became track and cross-country coach at the University in 1966. Prior to assuming coaching responsibilities at UM, the 1959 graduate of Butte High School coached two years at the University of Portland.

Montana's cross-country teams have won seven Big Sky Conference championships and the UM track teams have captured one Big Sky title and placed second six times with Lewis as head coach.





Jim Brandenburg
Head Coach

Jim Brandenburg moves into his second season as head coach of the Montana Grizzlies. For six years, Brandenburg served as assistant coach to Jud Heathcote. Since 1970, Jim Brandenburg has been a major contributor in molding the Grizzly basketball program. Montana's basketball fortunes are in experienced and capable hands.

A dedicated student of the game, Brandenburg has enjoyed tremendous success with every team he has directed. He coached UM's 1971-72 and 1972-73 freshman teams to a combined 28-8 record. The 1971-72 frosh team was 17-1, the best first-year record in the school's history. Before coming to Montana, he led Flathead Valley Community College to a 23-4 record in the school's first season of competition. Prior to that, he established a 150-42 record at Hinkley High in Aurora, Colorado, and at Burbank High in San Antonio, Texas.

Much of Brandenburg's success can be attributed to his encompassing philosophy of the game. "We coach the kids to be able to play at different tempos," he explains. "We feel that a good ball club has to be able to control the tempo of the game to their advantage against any particular opponent."

Offensively, Brandenburg stresses, "poise, patience, and shot selection, with the constant threat of the fast break," as key elements. He employs multiple offenses and likes to use a variety of play patterns against his opponents.

A staunch believer in tough defense, Brandenburg also employs multiple defensive tactics. "Our main emphasis is on defense. In most cases we'll substitute for defensive, not offensive, reasons." Brandenburg considers intensity, team approach, consistency and patience as the major components of a successful defensive unit.

A letterman in basketball and track, Brandenburg graduated from Colorado State in 1958 with a B.S. in physical education. In 1966 he received his M. Ed. in physical education from CSU.

Jim and his wife Jan have three children. They are Gaye (17), Shannon (14) and Bart (6).

Mike Montgomery begins his second season as assistant coach at the University of Montana. Mike spent three years as an assistant at Boise State University before joining the Grizzly basketball program. He brings youth and seven years of major college experience to UM.

Montgomery has also gained valuable coaching experience at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Colorado State University, the Citadel and the University of Florida.

"One of the major pluses about Missoula," Montgomery says, "is the basketball enthusiasm. I'm very happy to be involved with the program in this community."

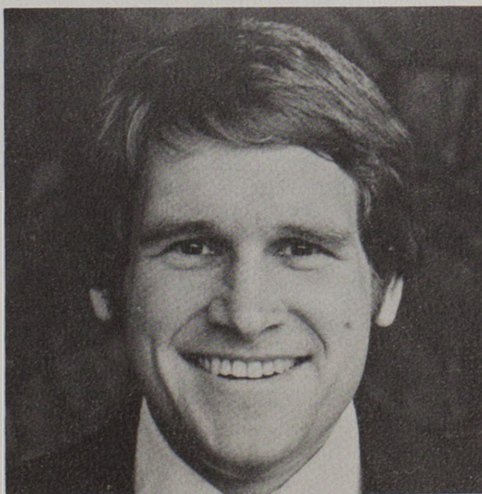
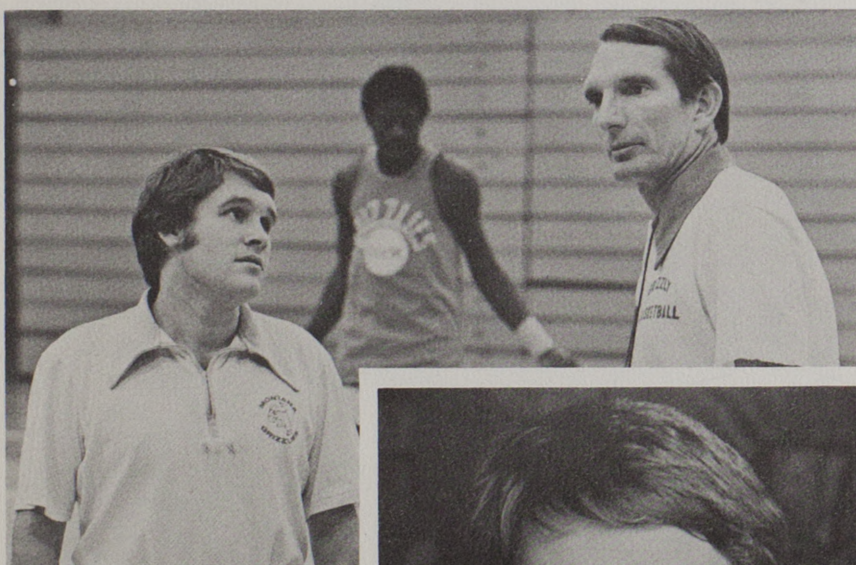
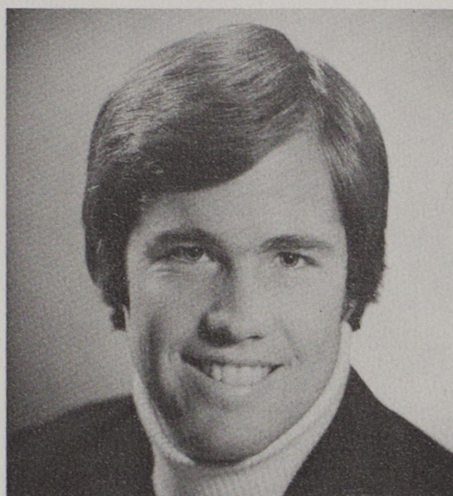
In addition to assisting with floor coaching, Montgomery is recruiting coordinator and scheduling supervisor. He feels that he can continue to upgrade the program and the University will continue attracting quality student-athletes.

The personable young coach attended Millikan High School in his hometown of Long Beach, California, where he participated in football and basketball. He continued his education at Long Beach State where he played basketball for four years and spent two years competing in rugby and volleyball. He graduated in 1968 with a B.A. in Physical Education. He earned his Masters Degree in Physical Education from Colorado State University.

He remains active in sports and is involved with the Missoula community.

Mike Montgomery

Assistant Coach



Phil Rosemurgy

Assistant Coach

Phil Rosemurgy is the newest addition to the Grizzly coaching staff. An assistant coach at the University of Washington the past three years, Phil joins the UM program as assistant varsity coach and junior varsity coach.

Rosemurgy earned a B.A. degree from Western Washington State College in 1969 after attending Yakima Valley College. He participated in basketball and rugby there.

He taught and coached at Central Kitsap Junior High in Silverdale, Washington and led his team to the conference championship in his first year. He served as an assistant coach at Mercer Island High School from 1971-74. That team was league champion each of those three seasons and finished third, eighth and fifth in the state AAA tournament.

While at the University of Washington, Rosemurgy was involved in recruiting, scheduling, scouting and coaching among other responsibilities.

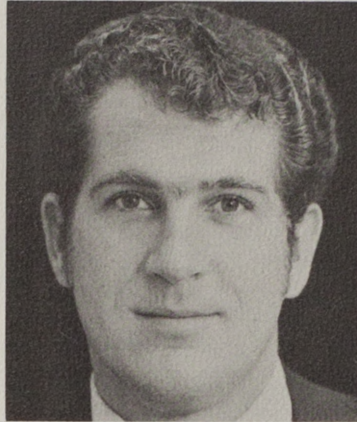
He has coached numerous other youth teams including high school all-star teams that have toured Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands.

Although he's only been in Missoula for a few months, Rosemurgy is already impressed with the enthusiasm for basketball and feels he can contribute to the already successful Grizzly program.

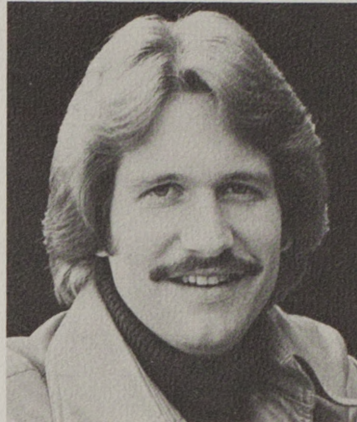
A newlywed, Phil is married to Geri Cooper Rosemurgy.

Athletic Personnel

**Gary
Hughes**



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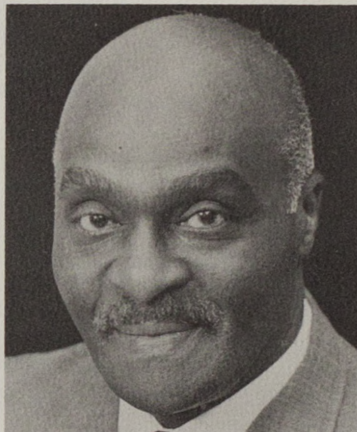
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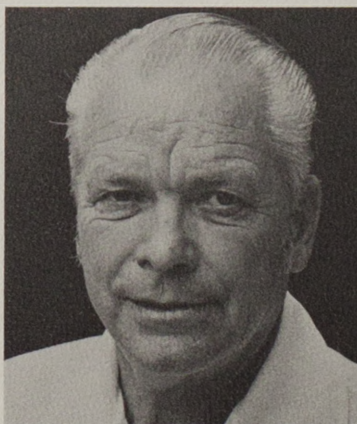
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Athletic Trainer

**Dr. Charles
Bryan**

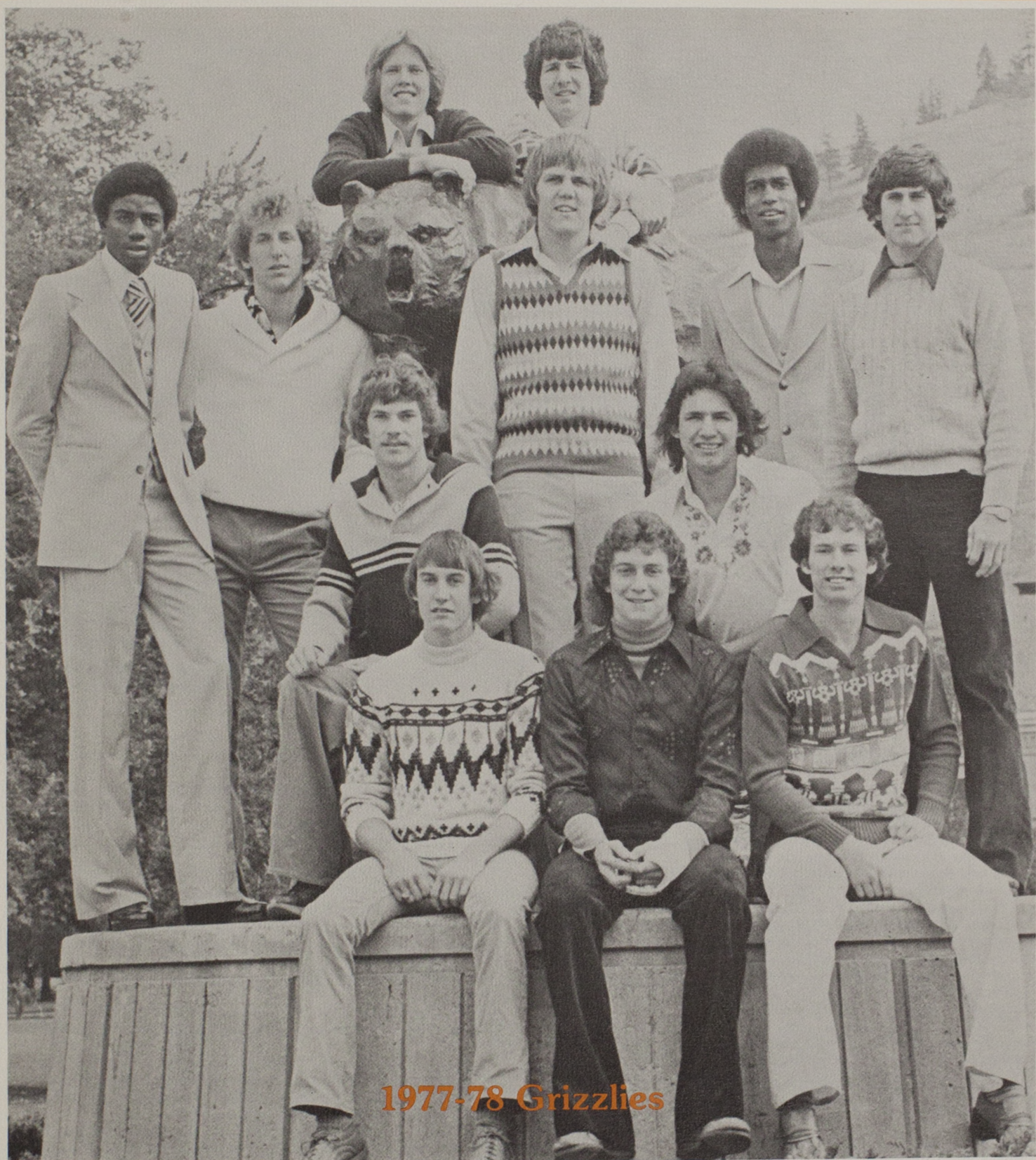


Faculty Representative



**Chuck
Burgess**

Equipment Manager

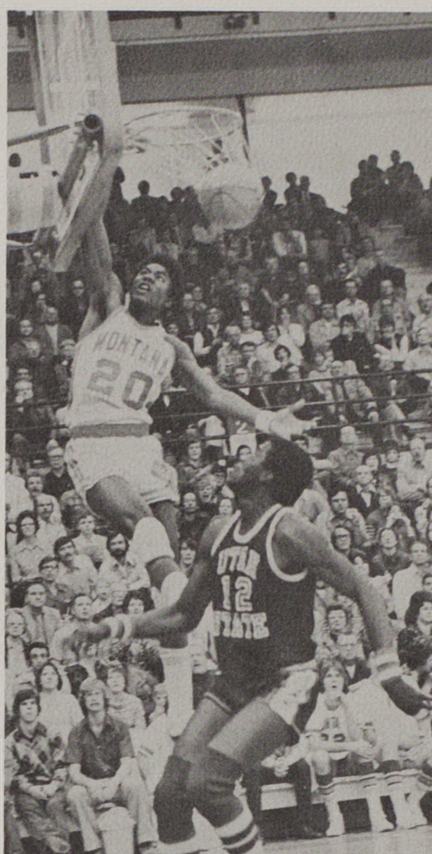
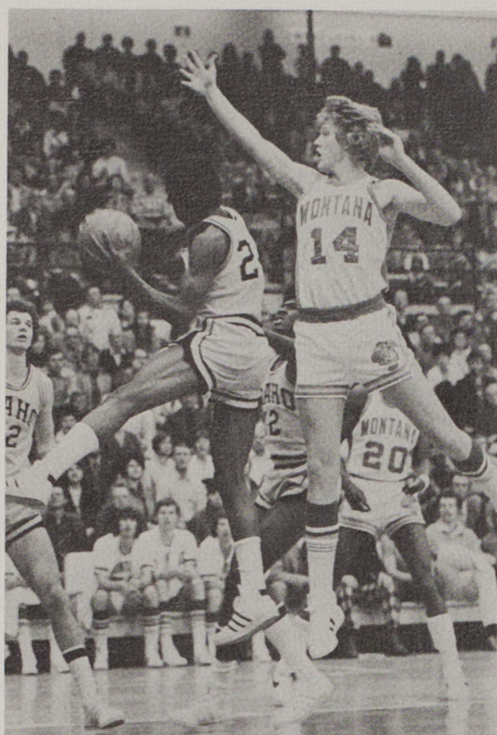


1977-78 Grizzlies



- 1 Craig Henkel
- 2 Marty Green
- 3 Michael Ray Richardson
- 4 Craig Zanon
- 5 Allan Nielsen
- 6 Rodney Brandon
- 7 Rick Zanon
- 8 Dennis Gay

- 9 Rick Nelson
 - 10 Tim McCauley
 - 11 Blaine Taylor
 - 12 Jim Molloy
- Not pictured:
John Stroeder
Charlie Yankus



1977-78 Grizzly Outlook

Moving into his second season as Grizzly head basketball coach, Jim Brandenburg has set several goals for this basketball season.

"Once again we'll shoot for the top four in the Big Sky and be competitive throughout the season," Brandenburg said. "Last season we gained confidence in our ability to win on the road and we established ourselves as a consistent winner. To attain our goals, we must get help on the front line and improve our outside shooting."

The only proven starter returning to the Grizzly camp is 6-5 senior co-captain Michael Ray Richardson. "Sugar Ray" saw action mostly at forward last season, but will move back to the guard spot where he played as a freshman. Richardson averaged 19.2 points per game last season, grabbed 8.6 rebounds a game and handed out 3.6 assists. He's a two-time all-Big Sky first team choice, two-time team most valuable player and enters this season as the fifth highest scorer in UM history. Considered by many to be the outstanding player in the Big Sky conference this season, Michael Ray Richardson is a candidate for All-America honors.

"Michael Ray has played the entire cycle," Brandenburg said. "As a freshman, he was a defensive specialist at guard. As a sophomore he became an offensive threat at both guard and forward. Last season he scored and rebounded with the best in the league playing mostly at forward. He's seen all kinds of defenses the opposition has come up with in an effort to stop him. I think he's matured now to where he can handle anything on the court."

Moving Michael Ray back to guard is a big step and Brandenburg has reservations about it.

"With M.R. back at guard and Michael John Richardson graduated, we've lost our top two inside rebounders. Our ability to control the boards is now somewhat of an uncertainty," Brandenburg said. "Who will materialize to play inside and the other guard spot are two big question marks."

The Grizzlies must get front line help from juniors Craig Henkel (6-7), Charlie Yankus (6-6) and Allan Nielsen (6-6). All three saw quite a bit of playing time last season. Henkel started the last half of January and most of February.

"For our team to be successful this season the three juniors must show

vast improvement and become major contributors to the program," Brandenburg said.

Senior co-captain Jim Molloy (6-2) is a contender for the other starting guard spot. His experience and backcourt savvy are major pluses.

Two redshirt players, freshman Blaine Taylor (6-1) and sophomore Rick Zanon (6-0) are also contenders for starting spots. Both were sidelined last year with injuries.

Sophomore Tim McCauley (6-1½) gained valuable experience last season with the junior-varsity squad and will also be contending at guard.

A lot of weight falls on the big shoulders of sophomore center John Stroeder (6-9½, 238) this year. Stroeder is being counted on heavily to play the post position like a seasoned veteran. Backing him up will be freshman Marty Green (6-9).

Sophomore Rick Nelson (6-6) is working hard to battle for a place at forward.

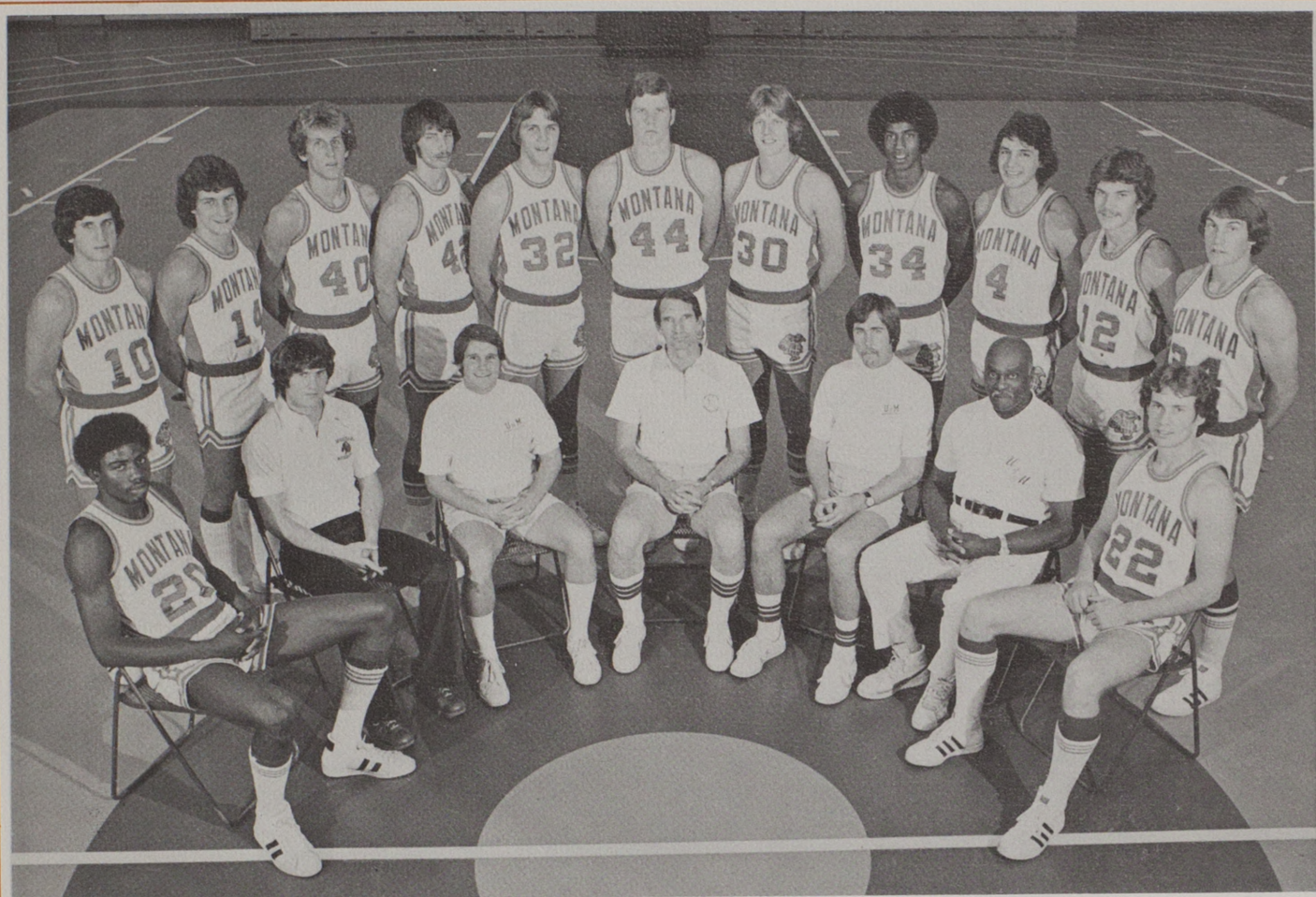
Three freshmen will also see playing time this year. Rodney Brandon (6-6), Craig Zanon (6-6) and Dennis Gay (6-2½) could figure into immediate court plans.

"There's no doubt that our freshmen are going to play this year," Brandenburg said. "Rodney Brandon, Craig Zanon, Dennis Gay and Marty Green are outstanding additions to our basketball program and they will definitely be challenging our returning lettermen."

The Grizzlies lost two fine seniors in guard Ben DeMers and forward-center Michael John Richardson. "It will be a most difficult task to replace Ben and Michael John," Brandenburg said. DeMers was an outstanding defensive player with fine outside shooting ability. Richardson was the Big Sky's leading rebounder (11.3 per game) and leading field goal shooter (56%) last season.

"With only two seniors on the team, we are still a relatively young and inexperienced ball club," Brandenburg said. "Therefore, we can expect the team to improve as the season progresses. We hope this improvement will not be too late."

Brandenburg said the team must establish itself as a winner on the road and be able to win some early conference road games. Five of Montana's first six Conference games are on the road.



1977-78 Grizzly Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
34	Brandon, Rodney	F	6'6"	193	Fr.	Norwalk, California
12	Gay, Dennis	G	6'2½"	159	Fr.	Glasgow, Montana
50	Green, Marty	C-F	6'9"	186	Fr.	Missoula, Montana
30	Henkel, Craig**	F	6'7"	208	Jr.	Libby, Montana
24	McCauley, Tim	G	6'1½"	169	So.	Des Moines, Iowa
22	Molloy, Jim*	G	6'1¾"	174	Sr.	Malta, Montana
4	Nelson, Rick	F	6'6"	211	So.	Libby, Montana
32	Nielson, Allan**	F-G	6'6"	200	Jr.	Westby, Montana
20	Richardson, M. R.***	G	6'5"	186	Sr.	Denver, Colorado
44	Stroeder, John*	C	6'9½"	238	So.	Port Townsend, Washington
14	Taylor, Blaine	G	6'1"	177	Fr.	Missoula, Montana
42	Yankus, Charlie**	F	6'6"	203	Jr.	Medical Lake, Washington
40	Zanon, Craig	F	6'6¼"	183	Fr.	Kalispell, Montana
10	Zanon, Rick	G	6'0"	168	So.	Kalispell, Montana

*letters earned

Head Coach: Jim Brandenburg

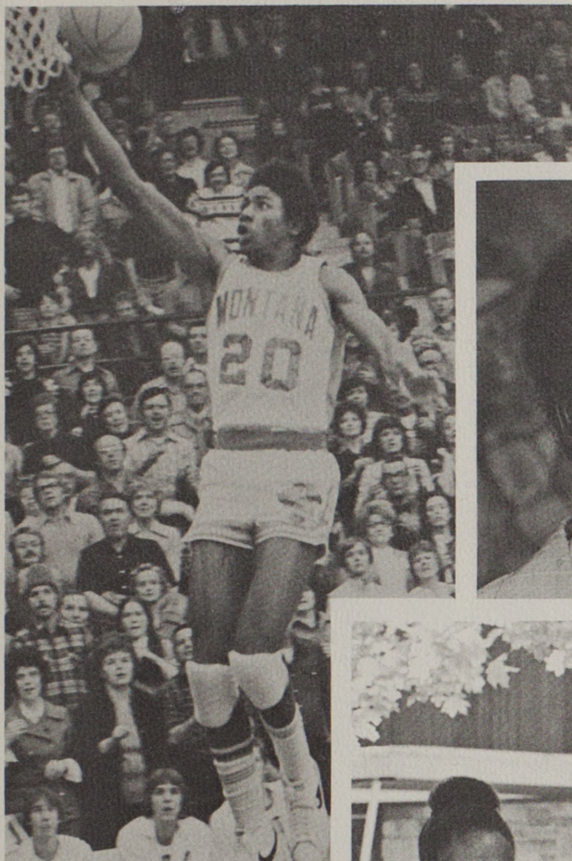
Asst. Coaches: Mike Montgomery
Phil Rosemurgy

Trainer: Naseby Rhinehart
Manager: Mark West



Michael Ray Richardson

All-America Candidate



Michael Ray Richardson

**Co-captain, 6-5, 186 lbs., Guard
Senior from Denver, Colorado**

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honors last January. He finished third in the Big Sky Conference scoring race with a 19.2 point per game average, just behind seniors Steve Hayes of Idaho State and Stan Mayhew of Weber State. He finished seventh in conference rebounding with 8.6 boards a game playing both guard and forward. He's been UM's MVP for the past two years.

"Michael Ray is the most complete player in the Big Sky Conference," according to Jim Brandenburg. "He plays tough defense, he's an excellent passer, he can score big, he rebounds from either forward or guard and he's unselfish. He takes pride in the amount of assists he'll hand-out. But most importantly, he's a team player and he puts team performance ahead of individual performance. Michael Ray is a winner in every sense of the word."

Michael Ray is used to winning. As a prep standout at Manual High School in Denver, his team lost only one game in his last two seasons. He earned all-Conference, all-City and all-State honors at Manual and was coached by Floyd Theard. As a freshman starter on the 1974-75 Grizzly team, he played on a conference championship club that lost only one league game all season and finally left the NCAA regional tournament when the eventual champ—UCLA—beat Montana by just three points.

More than 9,000 fans watched M.R. score 40 points against Montana State in the last game of the 1975-76 season, setting a UM Field House record. For two years he has been among the statistical leaders in the Big Sky.

Michael Ray's skill and determination earned him an invitation to the 1976 United States Olympic tryout camp for the eventual gold medal basketball team. A pulled hamstring, however, forced him to leave early.

Michael Ray would like to play professional basketball after this season and is also interested in coaching. He's a Physical Education and Recreation major at UM and enjoys tennis when not on the basketball court.

As added incentive this season, M.R. has been nominated for a spot on the annual Pizza Hut All-Star ballot. Balloting is done by the public for the outstanding senior players in the country.

His mother is Mrs. Luddie Hicks of Denver.
Birthdate: April 11, 1955.

Michael Ray Richardson begins his fourth and final season as a starter on the University of Montana basketball team. To say his presence has been felt would be an understatement.

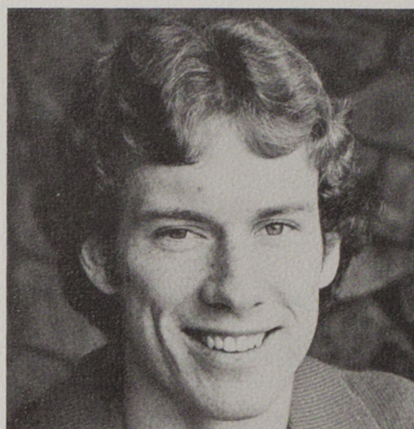
In three years of playing on the UM court, "Sugar Ray" has developed into one of the outstanding college basketball players in the Northwest. His final season as a Grizzly promises to be better than ever.

Michael Ray is a team leader by performance, experience and attitude and is a candidate for ALL-AMERICA honors in 1977-78.

Richardson earned all-Big Sky first team honors last season for the second straight year and was named to the American Association of Basketball coaches District 7 first team. He was named to the all-tournament team at the Pillsbury Classic in Minneapolis last season and earned player-of-the-week

Year	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF-D	Pts.	Avg.	High
76-77	26	221-466	.474	58-96	.604	224	8.6	81-2	500	19.2	28
75-76	25	187-356	.525	82-113	.726	157	6.3	85-7	456	18.2	40
74-75	29	92-188	.489	34-58	.586	104	3.6	85-3	218	7.5	16

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As co-captain of the Grizzlies, Jim Molloy will be counted on to provide confidence and leadership on the court. Jim played well in a reserve role last season and is vying for a starting guard spot this year.

Coach Brandenburg thinks Molloy will continue to develop in all areas of play. "Jim worked hard this summer to improve his game and it should pay off," Brandenburg says. "He is an intelligent player with good ballhandling skills."

Jim played for the Malta High School basketball team that was state class B champion in 1972. An all-around athlete, he captained the Malta basketball and football squads and received all-conference honors in both sports. He also lettered in track three years. Jim's high school basketball coach was Bill Ryan.

Jim majors in Political Science and Social Work at UM, carrying a 3.82 GPA. He is a Rhoades Scholar applicant and hopes to enter Law School next year. Currently he works as a volunteer with the Missoula Youth Court Probation Department. In his spare time, Jim enjoys skiing, backpacking and music.

Jim's parents are Dr. and Mrs. D.T. Molloy of Great Falls.

Birthdate: September 27, 1955.

Jim Molloy

Co-captain, 6-1 $\frac{3}{4}$, 169 lbs., Guard
Senior from Malta, Montana

Year	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF-D	Pts.	Avg.	High
76-77	26	16-40	.400	27-37	.730	20	0.8	24-0	59	2.3	8
75-76	15	8-27	.296	6-8	.750	13	0.9	24-0	22	1.5	4

30 Craig Henkel

6-7, 208 lbs., Forward
Junior from Libby, Montana

Craig Henkel is expected to mature into one of the best Big Sky forwards this season. Henkel possesses all the raw materials to accomplish this. He has good hands, a fine shooting touch and can adjust quickly from offense to defense. He is a good passer and likes to run.

Jim Brandenburg believes Henkel has the potential to develop into a major college forward. "Henkel should be a bigger factor on the boards and a bigger scorer this year." However, Brandenburg feels that Craig must perform more consistently on defense.

Craig was a first team class AA all-state selection at Libby High School where he was coached by Bill Anderson. He led all of class AA in scoring and rebounding during his senior year and was a unanimous choice for the state tourney team in 1975.

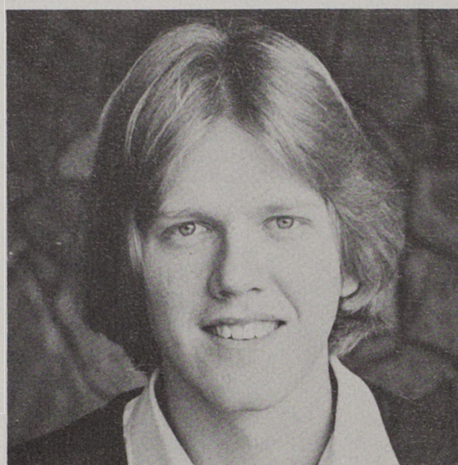
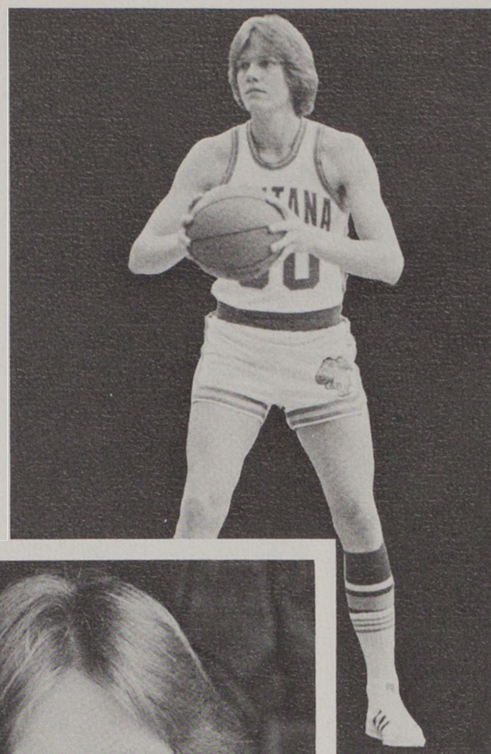
Craig hopes to contribute to the team with some key rebounds each game and maintain a good shooting percentage. His goal for the Grizzlies is "to win the Big Sky."

He is an Elementary Education major at UM and would like to teach math. Craig also enjoys playing golf, pool and tennis.

He is the son of Mr. Wallace Henkel of Libby.

Birthdate: December 16, 1956.

Year	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF-D	Pts.	Avg.	High
76-77	26	46-117	.393	14-21	.667	96	3.7	31-0	106	4.1	10
75-76	21	35-72	.486	4-9	.444	74	3.5	19-0	74	3.5	9



42 Charlie Yankus

6-6, 203 lbs., Forward
Junior from Medical Lake, Washington

The Grizzlies are looking to Charlie Yankus for rebounding strength this year. His varsity experience and hard work should pay off as Charlie vies for a starting spot on the UM squad.

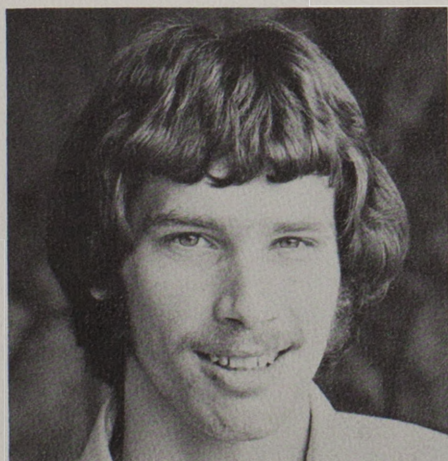
"Charlie's aggressiveness around the basket is a definite asset to the team," says Jim Brandenburg. "However, he needs to change his own priorities to defense and rebounding," Brandenburg adds.

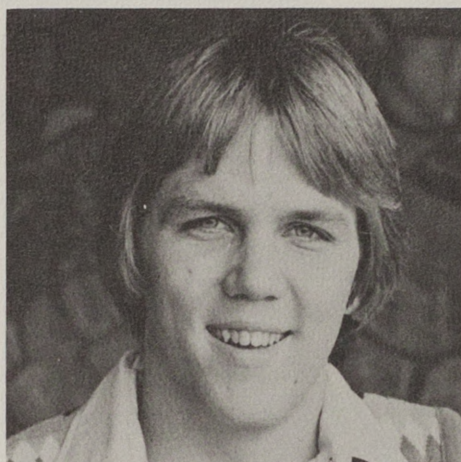
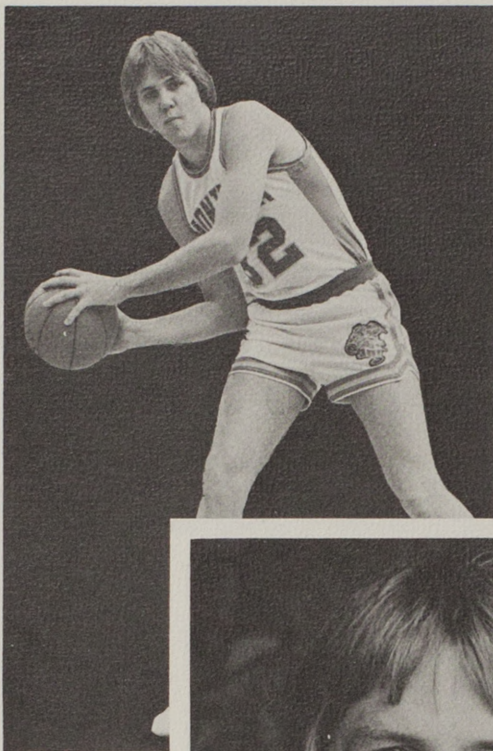
Charlie was an all-around athlete at Medical Lake High School in Washington. He lettered in basketball, track and cross country, earning all-conference and all-state honors in basketball. He set tournament and single game rebounding records in Washington's class AA state tournament as a high school senior in 1975. Captain of his team and coached by Jerry Skaife, he was also named most valuable player.

An art major at UM, Charlie enjoys woodworking and plans to open a cabinet shop. His goal for the season is "to be part of the team that will take it all in the Big Sky."

Charlie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Yankus of Colville, Washington.
Birthdate: April 21, 1956.

Year	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF-D	Pts.	Avg.	High
76-77	26	30-62	.484	15-22	.682	46	1.8	43-0	75	2.9	13
75-76	18	24-39	.615	23-34	.676	33	1.8	29-1	71	3.9	16





32 Allan Nielsen

6-6, 200 lbs., Forward
Junior from Westby, Montana

Allan Nielsen is a junior who saw valuable playing time last year. His varsity experience and scoring ability make him valuable to the Grizzlies.

Jim Brandenburg praises Allan's ballhandling and shooting skills but says he needs to improve in other areas. "Allan is a good outside scorer and passes well. He does need defensive work and aggressiveness around the boards."

Nielsen was Montana's premiere class C player during the 1974-75 high school season. He averaged 30 points and 19.6 rebounds per game while leading his Westby team to the state championship. He also lettered in football and track and captained both the football and basketball teams at Westby. He was named all-conference and all-state in basketball and all-conference in football. His coach at Westby was Dick Norden.

Allan is a Physical Education major and enjoys hunting, fishing and softball.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nielsen of Westby.
Birthdate: April 17, 1957

Year	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF-D	Pts.	Avg.	High
76-77	20	17-42	.405	9-12	.750	24	1.2	13-0	43	2.2	6
75-76	11	10-27	.370	2-2	1.000	15	1.4	7-0	22	2.0	6

44 John Stroeder

6-9½, 238 lbs., Center
Sophomore from Port Townsend, Washington

John Stroeder comes into this season as the leading candidate for the starting center position. With more experience and playing time, John could become a fine Big Sky center.

"John is in excellent shape and shows a lot of improvement," Brandenburg says. "He worked hard all summer and is in good condition. He's quicker, jumping better and shows more confidence in his offensive skills."

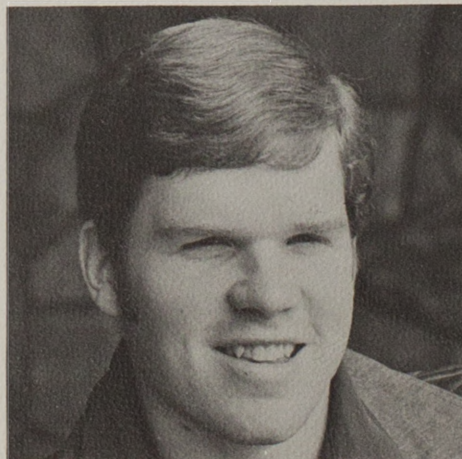
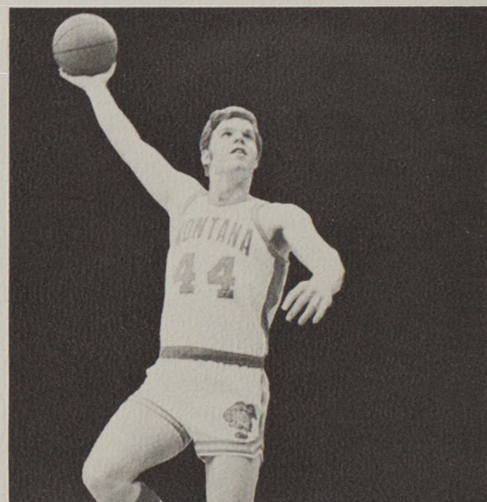
Stroeder was a standout basketball player at Port Townsend High School in Port Townsend, Washington where he was captain of his team. He was coached by Jim Kearns. He also lettered in track.

John enjoys hunting and fishing and he plans on going into the construction business after college.

Brandenburg says "John is a good outside shot and has always been a better than average passer." He warns that Stroeder's "lack of experience could lead to foul trouble."

John's own goal for this season is to lead the team in rebounds, an ambition the coaching staff would like to see him reach.

His father is Mr. Tony Stroeder of Port Townsend, Washington.
Birthdate: July 24, 1958.



Year	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF-D	Pts.	Avg.	High
76-77	19	10-22	.455	10-18	.556	17	0.9	23-0	30	1.6	8

10 Rick Zanon

6-0, 168 lbs., Guard
Sophomore from Kalispell, Montana

Rick Zanon is healthy and ready to play for the Grizzly cagers this season. He played during the 1975-76 season on the freshman team and showed the ability to become a solid basketball performer.

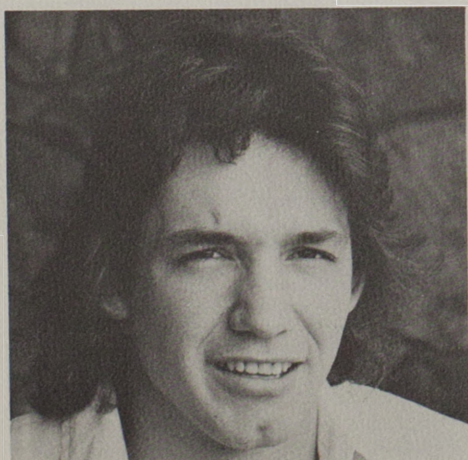
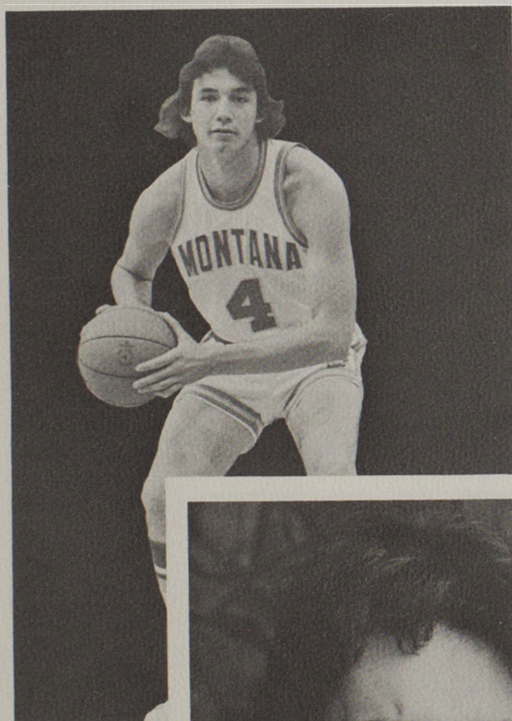
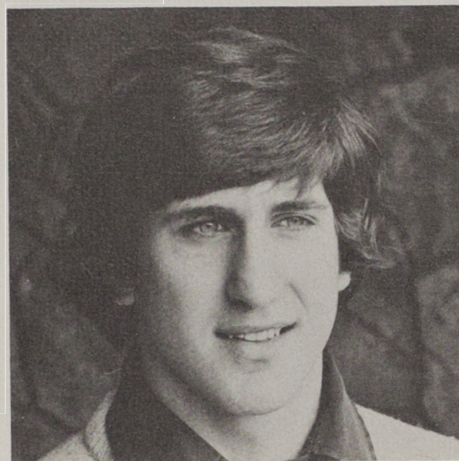
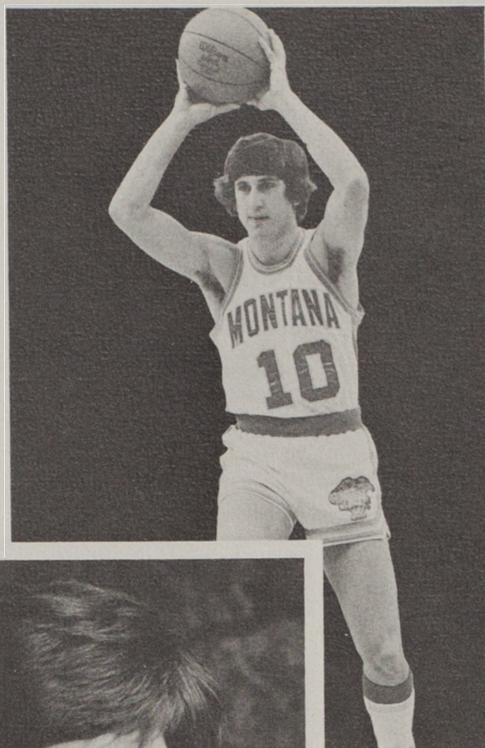
Redshirted last season because of a viral foot infection, Rick is now ready to play. "Rick is a steady performer with good speed and an accurate outside shot," Brandenburg says. "He needs experience and playing time so the year of inactivity hurt him somewhat."

At Flathead County High School, Rick captained the basketball and football teams during his senior year. He was named to all-state teams in both sports in 1974 and was team MVP in basketball in 1973 and 1974. His basketball coach at Flathead was Jack McWhorter.

Rick is a Business Administration major at the University of Montana. He also participates in golf and softball.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zanon of Kalispell.

Birthdate: December 14, 1956.



4 Rick Nelson

6-6, 211 lbs., Forward
Sophomore from Libby, Montana

"Rick Nelson is a strong, aggressive player and could fill a need for rebounding," says Jim Brandenburg.

Rick played last season on the Grizzly JV team after recovering from off-season knee surgery. His performance this year will depend largely on the speed and degree of his rehabilitation.

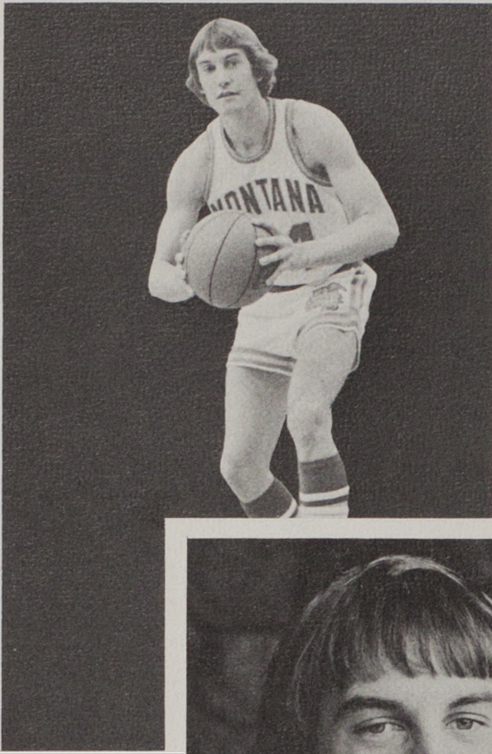
Rick was co-captain of the Libby High School basketball squad where he teamed with fellow Grizzly Craig Henkel. He won all-state first team honors in 1976 and played in the Montana-Wyoming all-star series.

He also lettered in football and track, and was an outstanding American Legion baseball player. His basketball coach at Libby was Bill Anderson.

Nelson is a Physical Education major and would like to go into coaching after college. He also enjoys fishing, swimming and hiking in his spare time.

Rick is the son of Mrs. Gwyneth Nelson of Libby.

Birthdate: November 22, 1957.



24 Tim McCauley

6-1½, 169 lbs., Guard
Sophomore from Des Moines, Iowa

Tim McCauley is a walk-on player who saw action on the Grizzly JV squad last year. He should bolster the UM guard contingent this season.

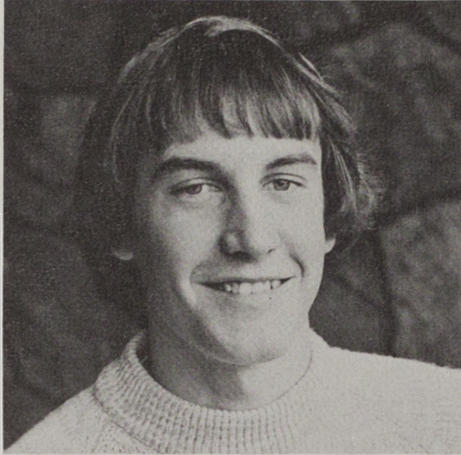
"If Tim continues to improve as much as he did in his freshman year, he should make a valuable contribution to the varsity," says Brandenburg.

Tim is from Sun Prairie High School in Wisconsin where he was captain of the conference championship team, coached by Dave Genzmer. He was named conference player of the year and garnered second team all-state honors. Tim also lettered in baseball and volleyball. He lived in Helena before moving to Des Moines and Sun Prairie.

McCauley is a team-oriented player and looks forward to the 1977-78 season. His goals are "to help out the team and get as much playing time as possible."

Tim is a Business Administration major.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roland McCauley of Des Moines, Iowa.
Birthdate: May 22, 1958.



14 Blaine Taylor

6-1, 177 lbs., Guard
Freshman from Missoula, Montana

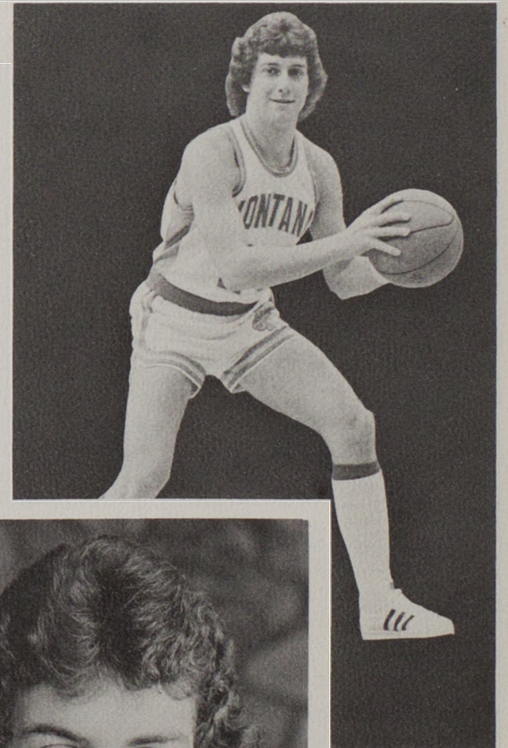
Blaine Taylor enters this season hoping to regain the form that earned him first team all-state guard honors at Missoula Hellgate High School. Blaine sat out last year due to back problems and is now recovering from a broken finger. However, according to Jim Brandenburg, "he should be ready for action."

The Grizzly coach anticipates good things from Taylor. "If he can shake injury problems, Blaine can give us immediate help at the guard position," says Brandenburg, "Taylor is a good shot and ballhandler. He is an excellent passer, picks defenses apart and hits the open man."

Blaine averaged 18 points per game from Hellgate in 1976, leading the Knights to the number four spot among state AA teams. He was the most valuable player in the class AA state tournament that year and was outstanding in the Montana-Wyoming high school all-star series. Taylor also lettered in football at Hellgate. His high school basketball coach was Russ Sheriff.

Blaine looks forward to playing this season and has an optimistic outlook. "I hope to stay healthy and contribute in some way to the success of this year's team," he says.

Blaine plans to major in History or Political Science at UM.
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon B. Taylor of Missoula.
Birthdate: January 14, 1958.



34 Rodney Brandon

6-6, 193 lbs., Forward
Freshman from Norwalk, California

Rodney Brandon should see quite a bit of playing time as a freshman at UM. The 6-6 forward is that good.

Brandon was a standout forward for his Garfield High School team in Norwalk, California, where he was coached by Tom Pryor. He averaged 22 points per game and 14 rebounds a game last season at Garfield. A fifty percent field goal shooter, Rodney captained his team, was named most valuable player in the San Gabriel Valley League, was all-league first team and all-Southwest.

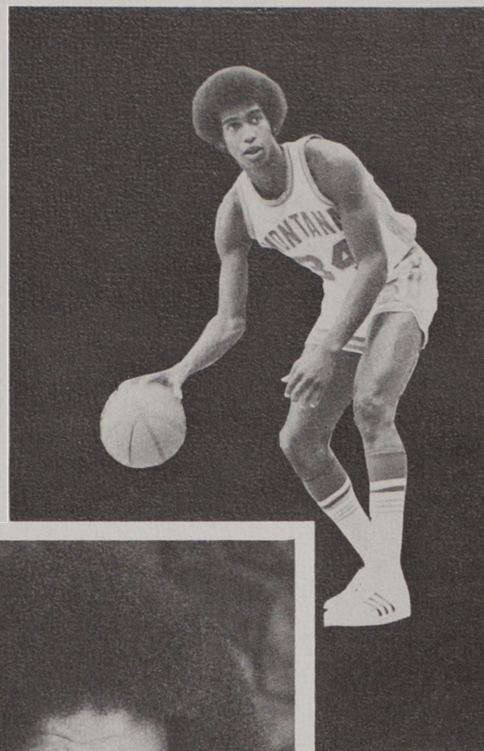
A good student in addition to being a fine young basketball player, Rodney was recruited by several highly regarded schools.

"Rodney displays excellent high school coaching and could develop into one of the best defensive players we've had in recent years," Brandenburg says. "He has good speed and quickness which is enhanced by his tremendous playing intensity. He's also an excellent passer and gives up the ball well."

Rodney plans to major in Accounting at UM. He enjoys tennis, swimming and bike riding in his spare time.

Rodney's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brandon of Norwalk, California.

Birthdate: January 1, 1959.



40 Craig Zanon

6-6, 183 lbs., Forward
Freshman from Kalispell, Montana

Flathead County High School basketball standout Craig Zanon is one of three outstanding Montana prepsters to join the UM basketball program this year.

The 6-6 freshman played center for Montana's third place team at the class AA state tournament last year. He was named to the all-tournament first team in addition to being a first team all-state and first team all-conference selection. He was also an all-conference basketball selection in 1975-76.

Zanon averaged 20.2 points per game last season, scoring 524 points in 26 games. He's a 54 percent field goal shooter and 70 percent shooter from the charity stripe. He averaged 15.7 rebounds per game during his team's 21-5 season under Coach Jack McWhorter.

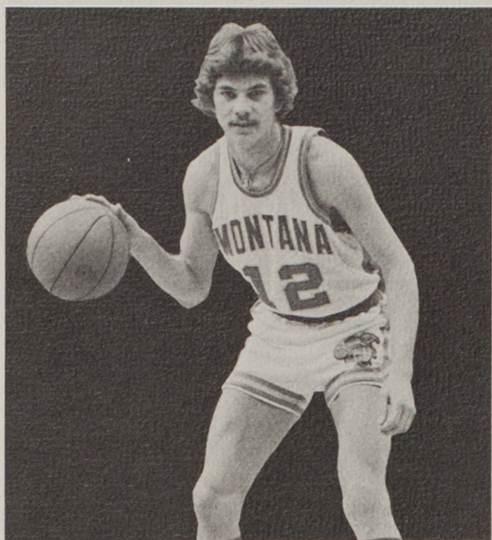
Craig was an "A" student at Flathead County High and plans to major in Accounting at UM. He joins his older brother Rick in the Grizzly basketball program. Craig will see varsity playing time this year.

"Craig is an exciting player and is sure to please Grizzly fans with his intense style," Brandenburg says. "With his size, speed, quickness and ball handling ability, we will be assured of having a young, quality swingman in our program. Craig is a major addition to our squad."

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zanon of Kalispell, Montana.

Birthdate: March 14, 1959.





12 Dennis Gay

6-2½, 159 lbs., Guard
Freshman from Glasgow, Montana

This 6-2 athlete from Glasgow, Montana was the only guard recruited by the UM coaching staff this season. Dennis Gay completed a very impressive career at Glasgow Senior High School this past spring, leading his team to a 17-7 mark in class A competition.

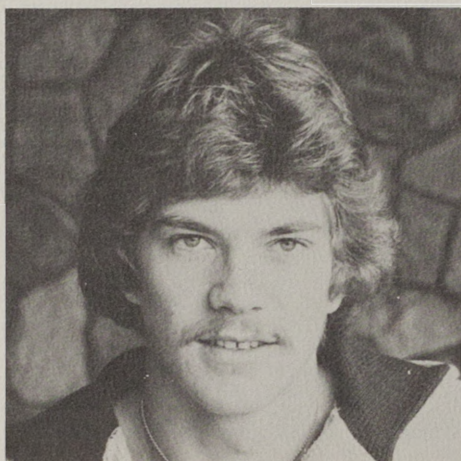
He averaged 20.8 points per game last season and handed out about five assists a game. He pulled down 7.6 rebounds a game from his guard spot, shot 51 percent from the field and 65 percent from the free throw line.

Dennis was a starter at Glasgow since his freshman season and was coached by Cactus Warner.

In addition to being a basketball standout, Gay was also one of the top track competitors in class A last year. He's the state class A champ in both the high jump and triple jump with bests of 47-9 and 6-8½. He's also a 23 foot long jumper and finished second in the 440 in last spring's class A state track meet. He was a four-year basketball and track letterman.

"Dennis has the speed, quickness and shooting ability to develop into a major college guard," Brandenburg says. "He must improve his guard skills and his intensity of play. When he does, he'll be a major contributor to our program."

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Gay of Glasgow.
Birthdate: November 3, 1958.



50 Marty Green

6-9, 186 lbs., Center
Freshman from Missoula, Montana

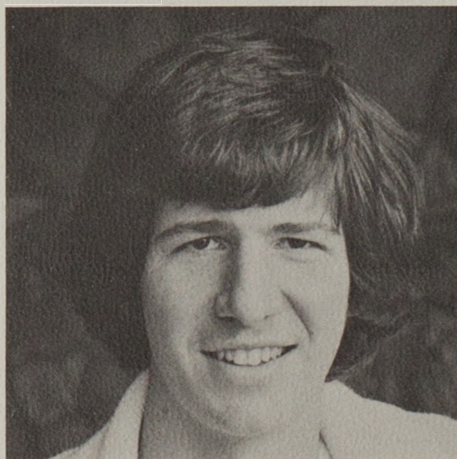
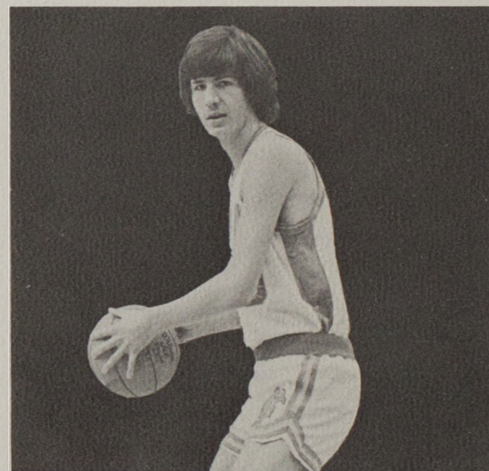
At 6-9, Marty Green has the size to help the UM basketball program in the very near future. His potential and desire should pay great rewards.

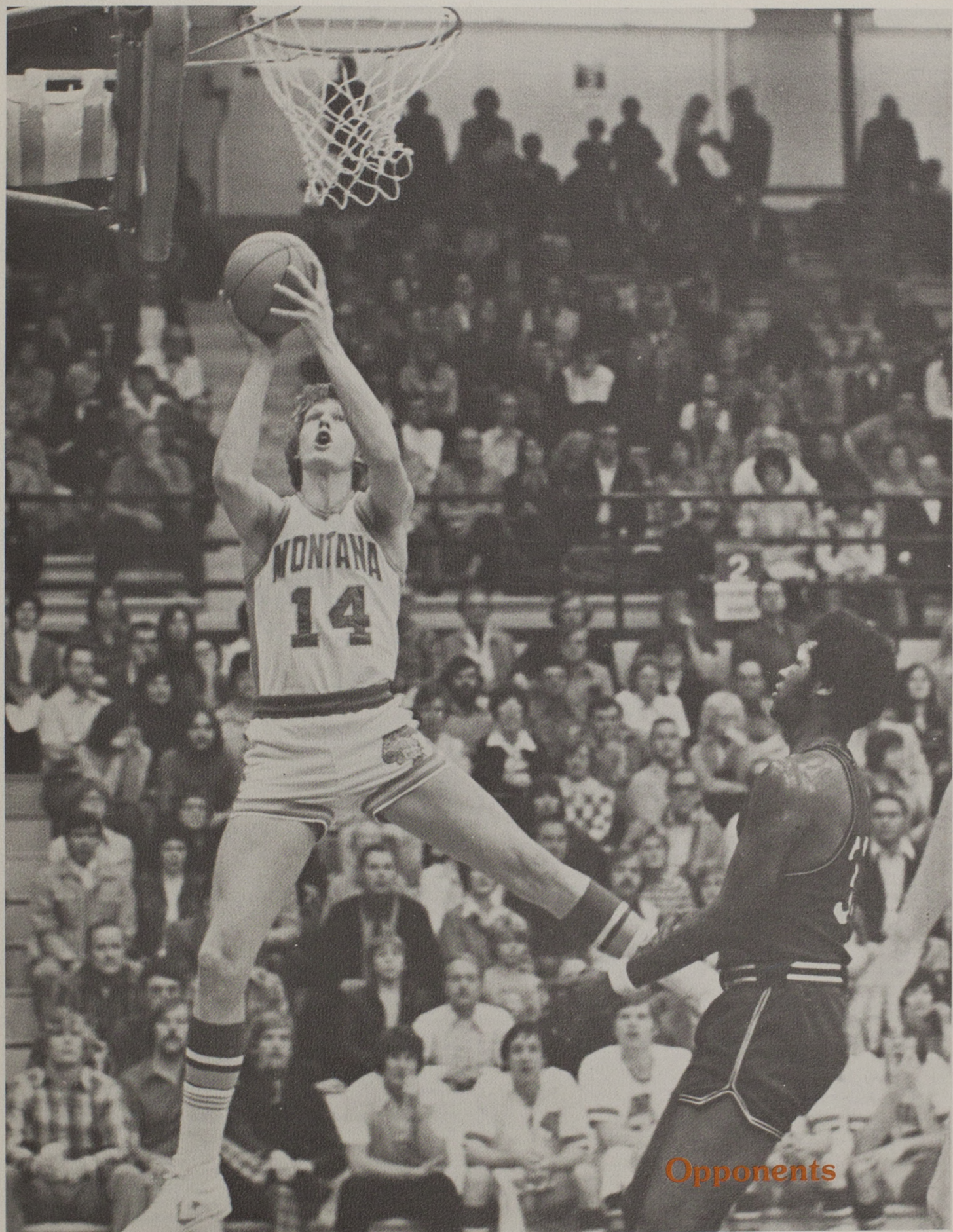
Marty earned second team all-state and first team all-conference honors at Missoula Hellgate High School where he was coached by Russ Sheriff. In addition, he was named second team all-tournament at the Montana state tournament last spring.

Although Marty missed a portion of the 1976-77 season due to mononucleosis, he appeared in 19 games and averaged 14 points a game and nearly 10 rebounds per game.

"Marty needs to make the transition from high school ball to college ball," Brandenburg says. "To do this he must improve his strength and aggressiveness. He's an excellent shooter and has good mobility for his size."

Marty's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Green of Missoula.
Birthdate: November 12, 1958.





November 26: Missoula

Location: Menomonie, Wisconsin

54751

Enrollment: 6,400

Nickname: Blue Devils

Colors: Blue and White

Conference: Wisconsin State

University

Athletic Director: Bill Burns

SID: Chuck Buelow

(715) 232-2425

Head Coach: Dwain Mintz

Career Record: 409-171

1976-77 Record: 10-16

Home Court: Johnson Field House

(3,500)

Series: UM 2-Stout 0

December 3: Greeley

Location: Greeley, Colorado

80639

Enrollment: 10,800

Nickname: Bears

Colors: Navy and Gold

Conference: Independent

Athletic Director: Joe Lindahl

SID: Tom Barbour

(303) 351-2331

Head Coach: Thurm Wright

Career Record: 98-120

1976-77 Record: 10-15

Home Court: Butler-Hancock Hall

(5,000)

Series: UM 0-UNC 1

December 5: Denver

Location: Denver, Colo.

80208

Enrollment: 8,000

Nickname: Pioneers

Colors: Red and Gold

Conference: Independent

Athletic Director: Ron Oyer

SID: Bill Scharton

(303) 753-2339

Head Coach: Bill Weimer

Career Record: First Year

1976-77 Record: 12-15

Home Court: DU Fieldhouse

Series: UM 10-DU 15

December 7: Missoula

Location: Portland, Oregon

97207

Enrollment: 15,000

Nickname: Vikings

Colors: Forest Green and White

Conference: NCAA I

Independent

Athletic Director: Ray Love

SID: Larry Sellers

(503) 229-4400

Head Coach: Ken Edwards

Career Record: 80-50

1967-77 Record: 16-10

Home Court: PSU Gym (2,300)

Series: UM 5-PSU 8

University of Wisconsin - Stout

**Dwain Mintz**
Head Coach**Larry Madsen**
Forward**1977-78 Schedule**

Nov. 18 at Winona State
 Nov. 21 at St. Mary
 Nov. 25 at Montana State
 Nov. 26 at Univ. of Montana
 Nov. 28 at College of Great Falls
 Dec. 3 St. Thomas
 Dec. 6 UW-Superior
 Dec. 10 UW-River Falls
 Dec. 17 at UW-Whitewater
 Dec. 29-30 Holiday Tourney
 Jan. 9 Mt. Senario
 Jan. 16 UW-Stevens Point
 Jan. 24 at UW-LaCrosse
 Jan. 27 at Oshkosh
 Jan. 28 at UW-Platteville
 Feb. 1 UW-Eau Claire
 Feb. 4 UW-Whitewater
 Feb. 6 at UW-River Falls
 Feb. 14 at UW-Superior
 Feb. 17 UW-Oshkosh
 Feb. 18 UW-Platteville
 Feb. 22 at UW-Eau Claire
 Feb. 25 at UW-Stevens Point
 Feb. 28 UW-LaCrosse

Northern Colorado University

**Thurm Wright**
Head Coach**Dwight Montgomery**
Guard**1977-78 Schedule**

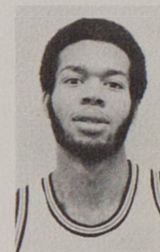
Nov. 25 at Adams State
 Nov. 29 Augustana (S.D.)
 Dec. 3 Montana
 Dec. 5 Boise State
 Dec. 12 at Butler
 Dec. 14 at Morningside
 Dec. 17 at Colorado
 Dec. 19 Whittier
 Jan. 3 De Pauw
 Jan. 4 Lewis
 Jan. 7 Calif. Irvine
 Jan. 13 U of San Diego
 Jan. 16 Southern Colorado
 Jan. 18 Denver
 Jan. 21 at Eastern Montana
 Jan. 23 at Montana State
 Jan. 27 Central Oklahoma
 Jan. 28 Western Illinois
 Feb. 3 at Wisconsin/Milwaukee
 Feb. 4 at Valparaiso
 Feb. 7 Air Force
 Feb. 10 at Seattle Pacific
 Feb. 11 at Portland State
 Feb. 14 at Denver
 Feb. 20 at Southern Colorado
 Feb. 27 at Regis

Denver University

**Bill Weimar**
Head Coach**Russell Swiley**
Guard**1977-78 Schedule**

Nov. 25 College of Santa Fe
 Nov. 26 Nebraska Wesleyan University
 Nov. 30 Northern Illinois University
 Dec. 3 Boise State University
 Dec. 5 Montana
 Dec. 10 at Wyoming University
 Dec. 12 Texas Arlington
 Dec. 15 College of Great Falls
 Dec. 17 at Iowa University
 Dec. 20 Whittier College
 Dec. 29, 30 at Pacemaker Clinic
 Jan. 4 University of Wyoming
 Jan. 12 at Tulane University
 Jan. 14 at Samford University
 Jan. 16 Madison College, Va.
 Jan. 18 at University of Northern Colorado
 Jan. 21 Cleveland State University
 Jan. 24 Air Force Academy
 Jan. 26 Central State, Okla.
 Jan. 30 Western Illinois University
 February 3 at Utah State
 Feb. 10 at Pan American University
 Feb. 11 at Oklahoma City University
 Feb. 14 University of Northern Colorado
 Feb. 18 Utah State
 Feb. 25 at Air Force Academy

Portland State University

**Ken Edwards**
Head Coach**Freeman Williams**
Guard**1977-78 Schedule**

Nov. 26 Colorado State University
 Dec. 2 at University of Portland
 Dec. 3 Fresno State University
 Dec. 5 at Gonzaga
 Dec. 7 at University of Montana
 Dec. 10 at University of Idaho
 Dec. 16-17 at Kentucky Invitational (St. Johns, Seattle U., Kentucky)
 Dec. 19 at University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)
 Dec. 21-22 P.S.U. Holiday Tourney (U.C. Fullerton, L.A. State, Eastern Wash.)
 Dec. 27 St. Mary's College
 Jan. 3 Oregon Institute of Technology
 Jan. 10 University of Idaho
 Jan. 13 George Fox College
 Jan. 18 at St. Mary's College
 Jan. 20 at University of Southern California
 Jan. 21 at Pepperdine University
 Jan. 27 at Oregon State University
 Jan. 28 at Seattle Pacific
 Feb. 3 Rocky Mountain College
 Feb. 4 University of Puget Sound
 Feb. 8 at Simon Fraser University
 Feb. 11 University of Northern Colorado
 Feb. 18 at University of Nevada-Las Vegas
 Feb. 22 Seattle Pacific
 Feb. 25 Utah State University
 Feb. 27 at University of Puget Sound

December 9-10: Provo, Utah

Cougar Classic

University of Montana
William and Mary
Cal State-Fullerton
Brigham Young (host)

December 16: Missoula

Location: St. Cloud,
Minnesota 56301
Enrollment: 11,000
Nickname: Huskies
Colors: Cardinal Red and Black
Conference: Northern
Intercollegiate
Athletic Director: Noel W. Olson
SID: Bill Lynch (612) 255-2141
Head Coach: Noel W. Olson
Career Record: 169-160
1976-77 Record: 8-19
Home Court: Halenbeck Hall
(7,500)
Series: UM 1-SCS 0

St. Cloud State University



Noel Olson
Head Coach



Mike Morgan
Guard

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 30 at Gustavus Adolphus
Dec. 7 Augsburg College
Dec. 8-9 at St. John's Tournament
Dec. 13 St. John's
Dec. 15 at Air Force Academy
Dec. 16 at University of Montana
Dec. 17 at Montana State
University
Dec. 21 University of WI-Eau
Claire
Dec. 28-30 Granite City Classic
Jan. 6 at Winona State
Jan. 7 at Mankato State
Jan. 11 Minnesota-Duluth
Jan. 14 Michigan Tech
Jan. 18 at Moorhead State
Jan. 21 Bemidji State
Jan. 25 Minnesota-Morris
Jan. 28 at Southwest State
Feb. 1 at Minnesota-Duluth
Feb. 2 at Michigan Tech
Feb. 9 Moorhead State
Feb. 11 at Bemidji State
Feb. 15 at Minnesota-Morris
Feb. 20 Southwest State
Feb. 22 Winona State

December 17: Missoula

Location: Omaha, Nebraska
68178
Enrollment: 4,800
Nickname: Bluejays
Colors: Blue and White
Conference: Missouri Valley
Athletic Director: Tom Apke
SID: Dan Offenburger
(402) 449-2720
Head Coach: Tom Apke
Career Record: 60-21
1976-77 Record: 21-7
Home Court: Civic Auditorium
(10,000)
Series: UM 0-Creighton 1

Creighton University



Tom Apke
Head Coach



Rick Apke
Forward

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 25 Carroll College
Nov. 29 UNO
Dec. 2 Loyola (Homecoming)
Dec. 9 at University of Nebraska
Dec. 17 at University of Montana
Dec. 20 at Southwestern
Louisiana
Dec. 27 at Wichita State
Jan. 7 Tulsa
Jan. 12 at New Mexico State
Jan. 14 at West Texas State
Jan. 17 Cleveland State
Jan. 19 Drake
Jan. 21 Southern Illinois
Jan. 26 at Bradley
Jan. 28 at Indiana State
Jan. 30 New Mexico State
Feb. 1 De Paul
Feb. 4 Bradley
Feb. 7 at Marquette
Feb. 9 Wichita State
Feb. 11 at Drake
Feb. 13 West Texas State
Feb. 16 Indiana State
Feb. 18 at Air Force Academy
Feb. 20 at Tulsa
Feb. 25 at Southern Illinois
Feb. 27 Missouri Valley
Conference Tournament
March 1, 3-4

December 19: Stockton

Location: Stockton, California
95211

Enrollment: 6,100

Nickname: Tigers

Colors: Orange/Black

Conference: Pacific Coast

Athletic Association

Athletic Director: Dr. Cedric
Dempsey

SID: Jay Goldberg (209) 946-2472

Head Coach: Stan Morrison

Career Record: 65-66

1967-77 Record: 11-14

Home Court: Stockton Civic

Auditorium (2,901)

Series: First Meeting

December 21: Fresno

Location: Fresno, California
93740

Enrollment: 14,575

Nickname: Battlin' Bulldogs

Colors: Cardinal/Blue

Conference: Pacific Coast

Athletic Association

Athletic Director: Gene Bourdet

SID: Tom Kane (209) 487-2644

Head Coach: Boyd Grant

Career Record: First Year

1976-77 Record: 7-20

Home Court: Selland Arena
(5,818)

Series: UM 2-FSU 1

December 29: Missoula

Location: Great Falls, Montana
59405

Enrollment: 1,200

Nickname: Argos

Colors: Air Force Blue and

Old Gold

Conference: Frontier

Athletic Director: Ray Dodds

SID: Ray Dodds (406) 761-8210

Head Coach: Ray Dodds

Career Record: 201-71

1976-77 Record: 15-14

Home Court: McLaughlin Center
(2,500)

Series: UM 5-CGF 0

January 6: Pocatello**February 24: Missoula**

Location: Pocatello, Idaho 83209

Enrollment: 10,000

Nickname: Bengals

Colors: Orange and Black

Conference: Big Sky

Athletic Director: Milton "Dubby"
Holt

SID: Glenn Alford (208) 236-3651

Head Coach: Lynn Archibald

Career Record: First Year

1976-77 Record: 25-5

Home Court: ISU Minidome (12,000)

Series: UM 38-ISU 25

University of Pacific



Stan Morrison
Head Coach



Terence Carney
Guard

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 22 Newcastle, Australia
Nov. 26 at UC Davis
Nov. 30 at Morehead State
Dec. 3 at Rice
Dec. 5 North Dakota
Dec. 9 Santa Clara
Dec. 10 Montana State
Dec. 13 San Francisco State
Dec. 16 at Golden Gate
Invitational
Dec. 19 Montana
Dec. 23 Colorado State
Dec. 29 Columbia
Jan. 12 San Diego State
Jan. 14 Long Beach State
Jan. 19 at UC Santa Barbara
Jan. 21 at Fullerton State
Jan. 26 at UC Irvine
Jan. 28 Fresno State
Feb. 2 at San Jose State
Feb. 4 San Jose State
Feb. 9 at Fresno State
Feb. 11 UC Irvine
Feb. 16 Fullerton State
Feb. 18 UC Santa Barbara
Feb. 23 at Long Beach State
Feb. 25 at San Diego State
March 2-4 PCAA Tournament

Fresno State University



Boyd Grant
Head Coach



Eddie Adams
Forward

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 26 Idaho State
Dec. 1 at Utah State
Dec. 3 at Portland State
Dec. 7 California
Dec. 8 Montana State
Dec. 10 Cal State Bakersfield
Dec. 17 at St. Marys College
Dec. 21 Montana
Dec. 29-30 Ski Classic (Mesa
State, Idaho, CS Los Angeles,
Fresno State)
Jan. 4 at UC Riverside
Jan. 7 Cal Poly, SLO
Jan. 12 at UC Irvine
Jan. 14 at UC Santa Barbara
Jan. 19 Cal State Long Beach
Jan. 21 San Diego State
Jan. 26 at San Jose State
Jan. 28 at Univ. of Pacific
Feb. 2 Cal State Fullerton
Feb. 4 at Cal State Fullerton
Feb. 9 Univ. of Pacific
Feb. 11 San Jose State
Feb. 16 at San Diego State
Feb. 18 at Cal State Long Beach
Feb. 23 UC Santa Barbara
Feb. 25 UC Irvine
March 2-4 PCAA Tournament

College of Great Falls



Ray Dodds
Head Coach



Dean McFadden
Forward

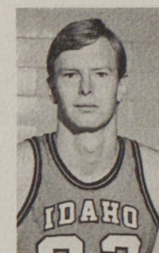
1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 25 at Boise State University
Nov. 28 University of Wisconsin
(Stout)
Dec. 1 at Simon Fraser
University
Dec. 2 at Simon Fraser
University
Dec. 8 at University of Alaska
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Dec. 10 at University of Alaska
Dec. 15 at University of Denver
Dec. 19 Azusa Pacific College
Dec. 28 Calvin College
Dec. 29 at Montana
Dec. 30 Pacific Lutheran
University
Jan. 3 at Seattle Pacific College
Jan. 6 Eastern Montana College
Jan. 10 Carroll College
Jan. 17 Northern Montana
College
Jan. 20 at Rocky Mountain
College
Jan. 21 Brandon University
Jan. 24 at Western Montana
College
Jan. 28 at Montana Tech
Jan. 31 at Eastern Montana
College
Feb. 3 at Carroll College
Feb. 10 at Northern Montana
College
Feb. 14 Rocky Mountain College
Feb. 16 Western Montana
College
Feb. 21 Montana Tech

Idaho State University



Lynn Archibald
Head Coach



Jeff Cook
Center

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 22 Australian All-Stars
Nov. 25 at Southern California
Nov. 26 at Fresno State
Dec. 3 Brigham Young
Dec. 9-10 at Roadrunner Tournament
Dec. 19 Cal-Santa Barbara
Dec. 22-23 at Wolfpack Classic
Dec. 30 at Utah
Jan. 6 Montana
Jan. 7 Montana State
Jan. 12 at Utah State
Jan. 14 Boise State
Jan. 20 at Boise State
Jan. 26 at Weber State
Jan. 28 at N. Arizona
Feb. 3 Weber State
Feb. 4 N. Arizona
Feb. 10 at Gonzaga
Feb. 11 at Idaho
Feb. 14 Utah State
Feb. 17 Gonzaga
Feb. 18 Idaho
Feb. 24 at Montana
Feb. 25 at Montana State

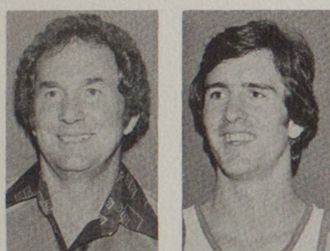
January 7: Boise
February: 25: Missoula
 Location: Boise, Idaho 83725
 Enrollment: 11,300
 Nickname: Broncos
 Colors: Blue and Orange
 Conference: Big Sky
 Athletic Director: Lyle Smith
 SID: Jim Faucher (208) 385-1288
 Head Coach: Bus Connor
 Career Record: 59-61
 1976-77 Record: 10-16
 Home Court: Bronco Gym (3,670)
 Series: UM 6-BSU 9

January 14: Bozeman
January 21: Missoula
 Location: Bozeman, Montana 59715
 Enrollment: 9,800
 Nickname: Bobcats
 Colors: Blue and Gold
 Conference: Big Sky
 Athletic Director: Tom Parac
 SID: Arnie Sgalio (406) 994-2721
 Head Coach: Rich Juarez
 Career Record: 31-46
 1976-77 Record: 11-15
 Home Court: MSU Fieldhouse
 (10,000)
 Series: UM 86-MSU 116

January 27: Moscow
February 3: Missoula
 Location: Moscow, Idaho
 83843
 Enrollment: 8,000
 Nickname: Vandals
 Colors: Silver and Gold
 Conference: Big Sky
 Athletic Director: Dr. Leon Green
 SID: David Kellogg (208) 885-7091
 Head Coach: Jim Jarvis
 Career Record: 22-56
 1976-77 Record: 5-21
 Home Court: Kibbie-ASUI Dome
 (10,000)
 Series: UM 40-UI 62

January 28: Spokane
February 4: Missoula
 Location: Spokane, Washington
 99258
 Enrollment: 3,500
 Nickname: Bulldogs
 Colors: Blue and White
 Conference: Big Sky
 Athletic Director: Larry Koentopp
 SID: Jim Glynn (509) 328-4220
 Head Coach: Adrian Buoncristiani
 Career Record: 64-67
 1976-77 Record: 11-16
 Home Court: Kennedy Pavilion
 (4,000)
 Series: UM 83-GU 52

Boise State University



Bus Connor
Head Coach

Steve Connor
Guard

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 19 Athletes in Action
 Nov. 25 College of Great Falls
 Dec. 1 at Colorado State
 Dec. 3 at Denver
 Dec. 5 at Northern Colorado
 Dec. 9 Santa Barbara
 Dec. 14 Chico State
 Dec. 16 at Cal-Irvine
 Dec. 17 at Fullerton
 Dec. 21 Oregon State
 Dec. 22-23 at Reno Tournament
 Jan. 6 Montana State
 Jan. 7 Montana
 Jan. 14 at Idaho State
 Jan. 20 Idaho State
 Jan. 21 Utah State
 Jan. 26 at Northern Arizona
 Jan. 28 at Weber
 Feb. 3 Northern Arizona
 Feb. 4 Weber
 Feb. 10 at Idaho
 Feb. 11 at Gonzaga
 Feb. 17 Idaho
 Feb. 18 Gonzaga
 Feb. 24 at Montana State
 Feb. 25 at Montana

Montana State University



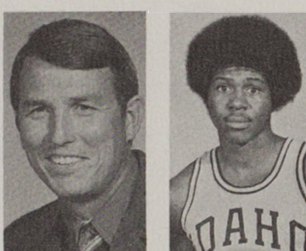
Rich Juarez
Head Coach

Craig Finberg
Guard

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 25 Stout State
 Nov. 26 Seattle Pacific College
 Nov. 29 at University of Puget Sound
 Dec. 8 at Fresno State University
 Dec. 10 at University of Pacific
 Dec. 17 St. Cloud State University
 Dec. 21 at St. Joseph's (Indiana)
 Dec. 23 at University of Nebraska
 Dec. 29, 30 at KOA Classic
 Jan. 6 at Boise State University
 Jan. 7 at Idaho State University
 Jan. 14 University of Montana
 Jan. 21 at University of Montana
 Jan. 23 University of Northern Colorado
 Jan. 27 at Gonzaga University
 Jan. 28 at University of Idaho
 Feb. 3 Gonzaga University
 Feb. 4 University of Idaho
 Feb. 6 at Utah State University
 Feb. 10 Weber State College
 Feb. 11 Northern Arizona University
 Feb. 16 at Weber State College
 Feb. 18 at Northern Arizona College
 Feb. 24 Boise State University
 Feb. 25 Idaho State University

University of Idaho



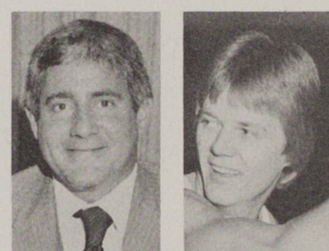
Jim Jarvis
Head Coach

Rodney Johnson
Forward

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 26 at University of New Mexico
 Nov. 28 Seattle Pacific
 Dec. 5 University of Alaska—Anchorage
 Dec. 9 Whitworth College
 Dec. 10 Portland State University
 Dec. 13 Eastern Montana College
 Dec. 16-17 at Cable Carr Classic
 Dec. 29-30 at Ski Country Classic
 Jan. 6 Northern Arizona Univ.
 Jan. 7 Weber State College
 Jan. 10 at Portland State Univ.
 Jan. 14 Gonzaga Univ.
 Jan. 18 Washington State Univ.
 Jan. 27 Univ. of Montana
 Jan. 28 Montana State Univ.
 Jan. 30 at Gonzaga Univ.
 Feb. 3 at Univ. of Montana
 Feb. 4 at Montana State Univ.
 Feb. 10 Boise State Univ.
 Feb. 11 Idaho State Univ.
 Feb. 17 at Boise State Univ.
 Feb. 18 at Idaho State Univ.
 Feb. 23 at Northern Arizona Univ.
 Feb. 25 at Weber State College

Gonzaga University



Adrian Buoncristiani
Head Coach

Jim DeWeese
Guard-Forward

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 28 Simon Fraser University
 Dec. 1 Whitworth College
 Dec. 3 at Eastern Washington University
 Dec. 5 Portland State University
 Dec. 7 St. Mary's College
 Dec. 10 University of Portland
 Dec. 13 at Washington State University
 Dec. 17 University of Puget Sound
 Dec. 19 Lewis and Clark College
 Dec. 23 at Oregon State
 Dec. 28 at Las Vegas Classic
 Jan. 6 Weber State College
 Jan. 7 Northern Arizona University
 Jan. 14 at University of Idaho
 Jan. 18 at Chaminade College of Honolulu
 Jan. 20 at University of Hawaii
 Jan. 21 at University of Hawaii
 Jan. 27 Montana State University
 Jan. 28 University of Montana
 Jan. 30 University of Idaho
 Feb. 3 at Montana State University
 Feb. 4 at University of Montana
 Feb. 10 Idaho State University
 Feb. 11 Boise State College
 Feb. 17 at Idaho State University
 Feb. 18 at Boise State College
 Feb. 23 at Weber State College
 Feb. 25 at Northern Arizona University

February 6: Missoula

Location: Indianapolis, Indiana
46227

Nickname: Challengers
Colors: Red, White and Blue
Conference: None
Athletic Director: David Hannah
SID: B. B. Branton (714) 832-3260
Head Coach: Rle Nichols
1976-77 Record: 31-7
Home Court: None
Series: First Meeting

February 10: Missoula

February 16: Flagstaff
Location: Flagstaff, Arizona
86011

Enrollment: 11,500
Nickname: Lumberjacks
Colors: Blue and Gold
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Hank Anderson
SID: Wylie Smith (602) 523-2282
Head Coach: John Birkett
Career Record: 36-43
1976-77 Record: 12-14
Home Court: Sky Dome (14,000)
Series: UM 11-NAU 4

February 11: Missoula**February 18: Ogden**

Location: Ogden, Utah 84408

Enrollment: 8,600
Nickname: Wildcats
Colors: Purple/White
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Gary Crompton
SID: John Peterson (801) 394-8341
Head Coach: Neil McCarthy
Career Record: 46-26
1976-77 Record: 20-8
Home Court: Dee Events Center
(12,000)
Series: UM 12-WSU 21

February 27: Logan, Utah

Location: Logan, Utah 84322

Enrollment: 9,113
Nickname: Aggies, Utags
Colors: Navy Blue and White
Conference: Ind
Athletic Director: Ladell Anderson
SID: Craig Hislop (801) 752-4100
Head Coach: Gordon "Dutch" Belnap
Career Record: 66-40
1976-77 Record: 15-12
Home Court: Spectrum (10,200)
Series: UM 14-USU 26

Athletes In Action

Challengers

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 11 at St. Francis, Il.
Nov. 12 at U. of Vermont
Nov. 15 at Indiana-Purdue at Indy
Nov. 17 at St. Joseph-Rensselaer, In.
Nov. 19 at U. of Davidson, N.C.
Nov. 20 at Birmingham Southern
Nov. 22 at Samford University, Al.
Nov. 26 at U. of Florida
Nov. 28 at Taylor University
Nov. 30 at Central Michigan
Dec. 3 at Mississippi College
Dec. 6 at Wittenberg University, Oh.
Dec. 10 at Missouri-Rolla
Dec. 13 at Wisconsin-Whitewater
Dec. 14 at Wisconsin-Stevens Pt.
Dec. 28-30 at St. Cloud St. Invit., Mn.
Jan. 2 at Kentucky Wesleyan College
Jan. 11 at Campbell College, N.C.
Jan. 12 at E. Carolina Univ., N.C.
Jan. 14 at North Carolina-Wilmington
Jan. 17 at Oakland City College, In.
Jan. 19 at Mt. Mary College, S.D.
Jan. 21 at S.W. Missouri State
Jan. 23 at Knox College, Il.
Jan. 24 at Illinois All-Stars
Feb. 2 at Indiana of Pa.
Feb. 6 at Univ. of Montana
Feb. 7 at Montana Tech.
Feb. 11 at Seattle Pacific, Wa.
Feb. 13 at Pacific Lutheran Univ.
Feb. 14 at Multnomah School of Bible, Or.
Feb. 15 at Oregon College of Education
Feb. 17 at Oregon Tech.
Feb. 18 at Southern Oregon College
Feb. 22 at Grace College, In.
Feb. 25 at North Central College, Il.
Feb. 27 at Oklahoma Christian College

Northern Arizona University



John Birkett
Head Coach



Wendell King
Guard-Forward

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 26 Augustana College (South Dakota)
Dec. 1 at Southern Colorado
Dec. 3 at Washington State University
Dec. 5 at University of Arizona
Dec. 7 Grand Canyon College
Dec. 10 University of Missouri Kansas City
Dec. 15 University of Alaska-Anchorage
Dec. 19 California State University-Los Angeles
Jan. 2 Le Tourneau College
Jan. 6 at University of Idaho
Jan. 7 at Gonzaga University
Jan. 9 San Diego State University
Jan. 14 Weber State College
Jan. 17 at Grand Canyon College
Jan. 21 at Weber State College
Jan. 26 Boise State University
Jan. 28 Idaho State University
Feb. 3 at Boise State University
Feb. 4 at Idaho State University
Feb. 10 at Montana University
Feb. 11 at Montana State University
Feb. 16 Montana University
Feb. 18 Montana State University
Feb. 23 University of Idaho
Feb. 25 Gonzaga University

Weber State College



Neil McCarthy
Head Coach



Bruce Collins
Forward

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 29 Long Beach State University
Dec. 3 Loyola Marymount University
Dec. 5 Midwestern State University
Dec. 10 Utah State University
Dec. 14 University of California, Davis
Dec. 17 at Oregon State University
Dec. 20 University of Utah
Dec. 27 at University of Utah
Dec. 30 Sacramento State University
Jan. 3 at Brigham Young University
Jan. 6 at Gonzaga University
Jan. 7 at University of Idaho
Jan. Chico State University
Jan. 14 at Northern Arizona University
Jan. 17 at Utah State University
Jan. 21 Northern Arizona University
Jan. 26 Idaho State University
Jan. 28 Boise State University
Feb. 3 at Idaho State University
Feb. 4 at Boise State University
Feb. 10 at Montana State University
Feb. 11 at University of Montana
Feb. 16 Montana State University
Feb. 18 University of Montana
Feb. 23 Gonzaga University
Feb. 25 University of Idaho

Utah State University



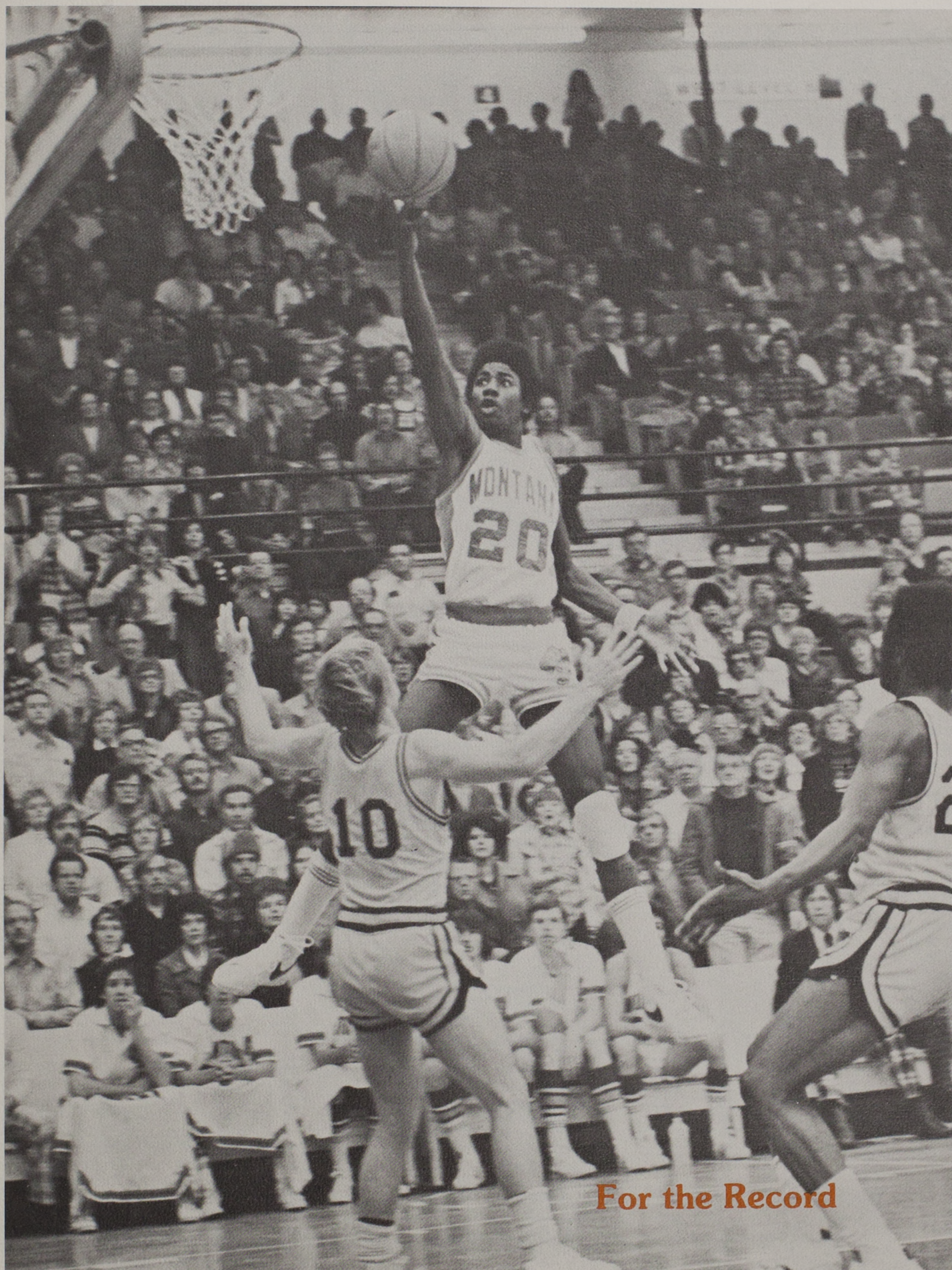
Gordon "Dutch" Belnap
Head Coach



Mike Santos
Center

1977-78 Schedule

Nov. 28 Colorado State
Dec. 1 Fresno State
Dec. 3 Midwestern
Dec. 7 Wisconsin
Dec. 10 at Weber State
Dec. 17 Washington
Dec. 19 West Texas State
Dec. 21 Brigham Young
Dec. 23 at Utah
Jan. 3 Fairleigh Dickinson
Jan. 5 University of Utah
Jan. 7 at Brigham Young
Jan. 12 Idaho State
Jan. 14 Madison
Jan. 17 Weber State
Jan. 20 at Nevada, Reno
Jan. 21 at Boise State
Jan. 28 Air Force
Jan. 31 St. Mary's
Feb. 3 University of Denver
Feb. 6 Montana State
Feb. 14 at Idaho State
Feb. 18 at Univ. of Denver
Feb. 20 at Colorado State
Feb. 25 at Portland State
Feb. 27 Montana
March 3 at St. Mary's



For the Record



UM All-Time Record

Season	Won	Lost	Coach				
1904-05	(No Record)		Fred W. Schule	1941-42	14	10	George Dahlberg
1905-06	4	2	Fred W. Schule	1942-43	15	9	Clyde Carpenter-Ed Chinske
1906-07	2	2	Fred Schule	1943-44	2	10	Ed Buzzetti
1907-08	6	3	Albion G. Findley	1944-45	7	23	George Dahlberg
1908-09	1	0	Albion G. Findley	1945-46	13	16	George Dahlberg
1909-10 and 1910-11 (Lack of Interest—No Team)				1946-47	12	16	George Dahlberg
1911-12	1	5	N. Whitlock	1947-48	21	11	George Dahlberg
1912-13	5	3	W. H. Mustaine	1948-49	12	13	George Dahlberg
1913-14	2	9	W. H. Mustaine	1949-50	27	4	George Dahlberg
1914-15	4	6	Jerry Nissen	1950-51	13	18	George Dahlberg
1915-16	6	4	Jerry Nissen	1951-52	12	14	George Dahlberg
1916-17	4	11	Jerry Nissen	1952-53	14	11	George Dahlberg
1917-18	6	6	Jerry Nissen	1953-54	7	20	George Dahlberg
1918-19 (War)				1954-55	12	14	George Dahlberg
1919-20	7	9	Bernard Bierman	1955-56	14	12	Forrest Cox
1920-21	12	8	Bernard Bierman	1956-57	13	9	Forrest Cox
1921-22	14	7	Bernard Bierman	1957-58	12	19	Forrest Cox
1922-23	7	14	J. W. Stewart	1958-59	10	14	Forrest Cox
1923-24	7	8	J. W. Stewart	1959-60	7	17	Forrest Cox
1924-25	9	10	J. W. Stewart	1960-61	14	9	Forrest Cox
1925-26	5	10	J. W. Stewart	1961-62	10	14	Forrest Cox
1926-27	5	11	J. W. Stewart	1962-63	6	18	Ron Nord
1927-28	6	8	J. W. Stewart	1963-64	6	17	Ron Nord
1928-29	9	11	J. W. Stewart	1964-65	11	15	Ron Nord
1929-30	13	9	J. W. Stewart	1965-66	14	10	Ron Nord
1930-31	10	12	J. W. Stewart	1966-67	6	18	Ron Nord
1931-32	6	14	J. W. Stewart	1967-68	8	17	Ron Nord
1932-33	8	11	A. J. Lewandowski	1968-69	9	17	Bob Cope
1933-34	16	10	A. J. Lewandowski	1969-70	8	18	Lou Rocheleau
1934-35	6	18	A. J. Lewandowski	1970-71	8	16	Lou Rocheleau
1935-36	13	11	A. J. Lewandowski	1971-72	14	12	Jud Heathcote
1936-37	14	12	A. J. Lewandowski	1972-73	13	13	Jud Heathcote
1937-38	10	19	George Dahlberg	1973-74	19	8	Jud Heathcote
1938-39	17	13	George Dahlberg	1974-75	21	8	Jud Heathcote
1939-40	17	8	George Dahlberg	1975-76	13	12	Jud Heathcote
1940-41	14	14	George Dahlberg	1976-77	18	8	Jim Brandenburg
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Big Sky Conference

The Big Sky Conference was formed in February, 1963, when the presidents and athletic directors of six Rocky Mountain universities met in Spokane. The original conference members were Gonzaga, Idaho, Idaho State, Montana, Montana State and Weber. Gonzaga entered the conference as a non-football playing school.

The conference derived its name from a pair of Montanans and a Washington sports editor. A. B. Guthrie, Great Falls, Montana, wrote a novel entitled "The Big Sky" and Jack Hallowell, former Montana State Advertising director, promoted the Big Sky theme as a nickname for the state. Harry Missildine, Spokesman-Review sports editor, picked up the name and in a sports column promoted the name Big Sky as the name of the conference. On February 25, 1963, the conference adopted the name—Big Sky Athletic Conference.

In 1970 the conference expanded to include Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz., and Boise State College, Boise, Idaho. Both entered as football playing schools.

Jack Friel became the first commissioner in 1963, and the offices were established in Pullman, Wash., Friel's home. Following Friel's retirement in July, 1971, the offices were moved to Boise, Idaho, and John Roning was named commissioner. Steve Belko was named commissioner and assumed duties July 1, 1977, following Roning's retirement.

Past Champs, Runnersup

1976-77	Idaho State (13-1)	Weber St. (11-3)
1975-76	Boise State (11-5)	Weber St. (10-6)
1974-75	Montana (13-1)	Idaho State (9-5)
1973-74	Idaho State (12-3)	Montana (11-4)
1972-73	Weber State (13-1)	Idaho State (10-4)
1971-72	Weber State (10-4)	Idaho State, Gonzaga, Northern Arizona (8-6)
1970-71	Weber State (12-2)	Idaho, Montana State (8-6)
1969-70	Weber State (12-3)	Idaho State (11-4)
1968-69	Weber State (15-0)	Montana State (11-4)
1967-68	Weber State (12-3)	Idaho (9-6)
1966-67	Montana State and Gonzaga (7-3)	
1965-66	Gonzaga and Weber State (8-2)	
1964-65	Weber State (8-2)	Montana State, Gonzaga (6-4)
1963-64	Montana State (8-2)	Weber State (7-3)

1976-77 Big Sky Standings

School	Big Sky			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Idaho St.	13	1	.929	21	4	.840
Weber St.	11	3	.786	19	7	.731
Gonzaga	7	7	.500	11	15	.423
Montana St.	6	8	.429	11	14	.440
*Montana	6	8	.429	7	19	.269
N. Arizona	5	9	.357	12	14	.463
Boise St.	5	9	.357	10	16	.385
Idaho	3	11	.272	5	21	.238

*Montana forfeited 11 games including conference games to Montana State (2) and N. Arizona (1) for use of an ineligible player.

1976-77 Grizzly Results

UM	Opponent	Opp.	Site	Att.	Top UM Scorer	Pts.	Top UM Rebounder	Rebounds
¹ W 87	San Jose State	71	Missoula	7,029	Ben DeMers	26	M. R. Richardson	11
¹ W 65	Air Force Academy	59	Colo. Spr.	1,700	M. R. Richardson	16	M. J. Richardson	12
L 65	Creighton	74	Omaha	5,372	M. R. Richardson	17	Lee Johnson	13
¹ W 98	Great Falls	62	Missoula	6,766	M. R./L. Johnson	22	M. J. Richardson	13
¹ W 80	Northern Colorado	52	Missoula	6,507	M. R. Richardson	23	Lee Johnson	10
¹ W 81	Portland University	65	Missoula	7,037	M. R. Richardson	22	M. J. Richardson	25
L 82	Arizona State	88	Tempe	5,336	M. R. Richardson	21	M. R./Lee Johnson	10
¹ W 77	Cal State, Long Beach	75	Long Beach	3,300	M. R. Richardson	28	Lee Johnson	13
¹ W 84	Eastern Montana	63	Missoula	6,641	Ben DeMers	18	M. J. Richardson	12
¹ W 84	Boston College ²	73	Minneapolis	9,268	M. R. Richardson	20	Lee Johnson	14
² L 81	Minnesota	102	Minneapolis	8,163	Ben DeMers	22	M. J. Richardson	14
³ L 72	Weber State	83	Ogden	4,390	M. R. Richardson	18	M. J. Richardson	11
¹ W 68	Northern Arizona ³	59	Flagstaff	3,175	M. R./L. Johnson	18	M. R. Richardson	15
¹ W 79	Montana State ³	66	Missoula	9,302	Lee Johnson	21	Lee Johnson	15
¹ W 79	Montana State ³	72	Bozeman	8,400	M. R./L. Johnson	20	Lee Johnson	13
³ W 53	Gonzaga	50	Missoula	6,839	M. R. Richardson	19	M. J. Richardson	12
³ W 55	Idaho	50	Missoula	7,199	M. R. Richardson	16	M. J. Richardson	9
³ L 60	Gonzaga	63	Spokane	3,400	M. R. Richardson	18	M. R. Richardson	13
³ W 69	Idaho	63	Moscow	1,789	M. R. Richardson	25	M. J. Richardson	8
W 73	Utah State	67	Missoula	6,389	M. R. Richardson	24	M. J. Richardson	14
³ L 67	Boise State	82	Boise	1,765	Kirk Rocheleau	19	M. J. Richardson	14
³ L 51	Idaho State	68	Pocatello	3,526	M. R. Richardson	16	M. J. Richardson	7
³ W 72	Boise State	67	Missoula	6,559	M. R. Richardson	22	M. J. Richardson	12
³ L 63	Idaho State	66	Missoula	7,581	M. J. Richardson	25	M. J. Richardson	9
³ W 77	Weber State	62	Missoula	6,990	M. R. Richardson	25	M. J./M. R.	15
³ W 76	Northern Arizona	58	Missoula	7,008	M. R. Richardson	25	M. J. Richardson	17

¹Games ruled forfeitures. The Big Sky Conference ruled on Feb. 10, 1977 that Montana forfeit eleven wins, including three Conference wins, due to an NCAA player ineligibility ruling.

²Pillsbury Classic in Minneapolis.

³Big Sky Conference Game.

Grizzly All-Big Sky Selections

1977	1st team:	Michael Ray Richardson
	2nd team:	Michael John Richardson
1976	1st team:	Michael Ray Richardson
1975	1st team:	Ken McKenzie and Eric Hays
1974	1st team:	Ken McKenzie
	2nd team:	Eric Hays and Robin Selvig
1973	1st team:	Mike Murray
1972	1st team:	Mike Murray
1970	1st team:	Dave Gustafson
1969	1st team:	Harold Ross
	2nd team:	Ron Moore
1968	2nd team:	Ron Moore
1966	2nd team:	John Holliday and John Quist
1965	2nd team:	Ed Samelton
1964	2nd team:	Tim Aldrich

1976-77 All-Conference Team

First Team		Second Team	
Stan Mayhew	Sr. Weber State	MICHAEL JOHN RICHARDSON	Sr. Montana
Jim Grady	Sr. Gonzaga	Jeff Cook	Jr. Idaho State
Steve Hayes	Sr. Idaho State	Greg Griffin	Sr. Idaho State
MICHAEL RAY RICHARDSON	Jr. Montana	Jim Erickson	Sr. Weber State
Ed Thompson	Sr. Idaho State	Steve Connor	Jr. Boise State
		Craig Finberg	So. Montana State

Honorable Mention: BEN DeMERS, Montana; Danny Jones, Boise State; James Smith, Idaho; Bruce Smith, Montana State; David Henson, Northern Arizona; Willie Moss, Gonzaga; Mark Mattos, Weber State.

Final 1976-77 Grizzly Basketball Statistics

Player	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF-D	Pts.	Avg.	High
Mike R. Richardson	26	221-466	.474	58-96	.604	224	8.6	81-2	500	19.2	28
Mike J. Richardson	26	141-241	.585	57-83	.687	293	11.3	78-4	339	13.0	25
Ben DeMers	24	116-260	.446	58-70	.829	87	3.6	73-4	290	12.1	26
Kirk Rocheleau	26	103-258	.399	27-42	.643	48	1.8	76-3	233	9.0	19
Craig Henkel	26	46-117	.393	14-21	.667	96	3.7	31-0	106	4.1	10
Charlie Yankus	26	30-62	.484	15-22	.682	46	1.8	43-0	75	2.9	13
Jim Molloy	26	16-40	.400	27-37	.730	20	0.8	24-0	59	2.3	8
Allan Nielsen	20	17-42	.405	9-12	.750	24	1.2	13-0	43	2.2	6
John Stroeder	19	10-22	.455	10-18	.556	17	0.9	23-0	30	1.6	8
Bill Hansen	9	1-3	.333	2-3	.667	4	0.4	1-0	4	0.4	2
Others	15	90-196	.484	39-55	.709	147	9.8	51-2	219	14.6	24
					Team	100					
UM TOTAL	26	791-1707	.463	316-459	.688	1106	42.5	494-15	1898	73.0	98
OPP. TOTAL	26	711-1624	.438	338-481	.703	923	35.5	494-23	1760	67.7	102

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: UM 37, OPP 49

ASSISTS: Ben DeMers 106; M. R. Richardson, 94; Kirk Rocheleau 78; Craig Henkel, 30; Jim Molloy, 28; M. J. Richardson, 22; Charlie Yankus, 10; John Stroeder, 8; Allan Nielsen, 8; Bill Hansen, 1; Others, 8.

SCHOOL RECORDS: Michael John Richardson—career field goal accuracy—.610
Team—9,302 fans in attendance for Montana State game (capacity crowd)
Team—average attendance for 13-game home schedule—7,065

Final Stats For Big Sky Games Only

Player	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF-D	Pts.	Avg.	High
Mike R. Richardson	14	115-258	.446	31-53	.585	122	8.7	45-1	261	18.6	25
Mike J. Richardson	14	81-139	.583	35-51	.686	150	10.7	35-1	197	14.1	25
Ben DeMers	12	53-128	.414	18-23	.783	35	2.9	38-2	124	10.3	16
Kirk Rocheleau	14	55-141	.390	16-27	.593	27	1.9	48-3	126	9.0	19
Craig Henkel	14	23-55	.418	8-11	.727	42	3.0	20-0	54	3.9	10
Charlie Yankus	14	19-43	.442	5-10	.500	26	1.9	27-0	43	3.1	13
Allan Nielsen	12	10-25	.400	8-9	.889	18	1.5	12-0	28	2.3	6
Jim Molloy	14	3-18	.167	13-18	.722	11	0.8	7-0	19	1.4	6
John Stroeder	10	4-11	.364	4-9	.444	11	1.1	12-0	12	1.2	7
Bill Hansen	3	1-2	.500	—	—	4	—	2	0.7	2	
Others	4	32-63	.508	11-16	.688	46	11.5	12-0	75	18.8	21
					Team	53					
UM TOTAL	14	396-883	.448	149-227	.656	545	38.9	256-7	941	67.2	79
OPP. TOTAL	14	371-800	.464	167-231	.723	484	34.6	253-13	909	64.9	83

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: UM 15, OPP 14

ASSISTS: Ben DeMers, 56; M. R. Richardson, 45; Kirk Rocheleau, 41; M. J. Richardson, 17; Jim Molloy, 13; Craig Henkel, 13; Allan Nielsen, 5; John Stroeder, 5; Charlie Yankus, 4; Bill Hansen, 1; Others, 2.

The Grizzly Record Book

Individual Records

Single Game

MOST POINTS

40, Bob Cope vs. Gonzaga University, 1948 (Old Gym)
40, M. R. Richardson vs. MSU, 1976 (Fieldhouse)

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE

18, M. R. Richardson vs. MSU, 1976

MOST FREE THROWS MADE

20, Ron Moore vs. Gonzaga, 1968

MOST REBOUNDS

26, Russ Sheriff vs. Gonzaga, 1955

Single Season

MOST POINTS

701, Bob Cope, 1949-50

HIGHEST SCORING AVERAGE

22.6, Bob Cope, 1949-50, 31 games

MOST FIELD GOALS

276, Bob Cope, 1949-50

HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.

(min. 100 made)

.646 M. J. Richardson, 1975-76, 113-175

MOST FREE THROWS MADE

159, Chuck Davis, 1952-53

HIGHEST FREE THROW PCT.

(min. 50 made)

.885, Eric Hays, 1974-75, 91-106

MOST REBOUNDS

393, Ray Howard, 1954-55

Career

MOST POINTS

1808, Bob Cope, 1947-50, 4 seasons

1633, Bob Cope, 1948-50, 3 seasons

MOST FREE THROWS MADE

452, Bob Cope, 1947-50, 4 seasons

399, Bob Cohe, 1948-50, 3 seasons

HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.

.610, M.J. Richardson, 1974-77, 259-424

HIGHEST FREE THROW PCT.

.809, Eric Hays, 1972-75, 182-225

MOST REBOUNDS

359, Ken McKenzie, 1972-75

Team Records

Single Game

HIGHEST UM SCORE

111 vs. Idaho State, 1966

HIGHEST OPPONENTS SCORE

124 by Idaho State, 1970

HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.

.717 vs. Washington State, 1968, 33-46

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE

51 vs. Idaho State, 1966

MOST FREE THROWS MADE

34 vs. Wyoming, 1953

34 vs. Gonzaga, 1968

34 vs. Washington State, 1968

Single Season

MOST POINTS

2,400, 1949-50 (31 games)

HIGHEST SCORING AVERAGE

83.6, 1965-66, 24 games, 2,006 points

HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.

.505, 1975-76, 708-1401

HIGHEST FREE THROW PCT.

.711, 1974-75, 313-440

MOST REBOUNDS

1,250, 1964-65, 26 games

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS

13, 1941-42, 1973-74

Field House Records

MOST POINTS BY INDIVIDUAL

42, Wayne Estes of Utah State, 1964

MOST POINTS BY UM PLAYER

40, M. R. Richardson, vs. MSU, 1976

MOST POINTS BY TEAM

111 by UM vs. Idaho State, 1966

111 by Oral Roberts, 1971

MOST POINTS BY UM

111 vs. Idaho State, 1966

ATTENDANCE

Game, 9,302 vs. MSU, 1976-77

Season, 7,065 avg., 1976-77

Single Season Scoring

Pts.	Name	Year	G	Avg.
701	Bob Cope	1949-50	31	22.6
518	Ken McKenzie	1974-75	29	17.9
509	Bob Cope	1947-48	32	15.9
506	Dave Gustafson	1969-70	26	19.5
505	Ken McKenzie	1973-74	27	18.7
500	M. R. Richardson	1976-77	26	19.2
479	Harold Ross	1968-69	26	18.4
478	Ed Samelton	1964-65	26	18.4
456	M. R. Richardson	1975-76	25	18.2
446	Ray Howard	1954-55	26	17.2
438	Mike Murray	1972-73	26	16.8
437	Charles Davis	1952-53	25	17.5
428	Ed Argenbright	1955-56	26	16.5
428	John Holliday	1965-66	24	17.8
423	Bob Cope	1948-49	25	16.9
397	Dan Balko	1959-60	24	16.5
397	Ron Moore	1968-69	26	15.3
390	Dan Balko	1958-59	24	16.3
383	Eric Hays	1974-75	29	13.2
381	Mike Murray	1971-72	26	14.7
364	Charles Burgess	1942-43	24	15.2

Career Scoring List

Pts.	Name	Years	Seasons
1808	Bob Cope	1947-50	four
1335	Ken McKenzie	1972-75	three
1224	Lou Rocheleau	1945-49	four
1213	Charles Davis	1946-52	four
1174	M. R. Richardson	1974-	three
1100	Ed Argenbright	1953-56	three
1025	Dan Balko	1957-60	three
965	Zip Rhoades	1954-57	three
856	Steve Lowry	1960-63	three
855	Ray Howard	1969-72	three
836	Ben DeMers	1973-77	four
830	Tim Aldrich	1961-64	three
819	Mike Murray	1971-73	two
796	Eric Hays	1972-75	three
766	Bill Jones	1939-42	three
747	Robert Sparks	1949-52	three

Grizzly Basketball Awards

C. R. DRAGSTEDT AWARD Most Valuable Player

1953—Chuck Davis	1960—Dan Balko	1966—Gary Peck	1972—Ray Howard
1954—Ed Anderson	1961—Bob O'Billovich	1967—Dennis Biletnikoff	1973—Mike Murray
1955—Ed Argenbright	1962—Dan Sullivan	1968—Dan Parsons	1974—Ken McKenzie
1956—Ed Argenbright	1963—Ray Lucien	1969—Ron Moore	1975—Ken McKenzie
1957—Zip Rhoades	1964—Tim Aldrich	1970—Dave Gustafson	1976—M. R. Richardson
1958—Russ Sheriff	1965—Ed Samelton	1971—Don Wetzel	1977—M. R. Richardson
1959—Dan Balko			

JOHN EAHEART MEMORIAL AWARD Outstanding Defensive Player

1961—Kay Roberts	1966—Greg Hanson	1970—Howard Clark	1974—Robin Selvig
1962—Bob O'Billovich	Norm Clark	1971—Mike Vernon	1975—Tom Peck
1963—Tim Aldrich	1967—Greg Hanson	1972—Earl Tye	1976—Tim Stambaugh
1964—Harold Fullerton	1968—Rick Johnston	1973—Earl Tye	1977—Ben DeMers
1965—Gary Meggellin	1969—Dave Gustafson		

NASEBY RHINEHART AWARD Most Inspirational Player

1973—Dale Parker
1974—Eric Hays
1975—Eric Hays
1976—Tim Stambaugh
1977—Michael John Richardson

Field House Records

ATTENDANCE

1976-77	91,847 in 13 games (7,065)	*1964-65	37,164 in 15 games (2,478)
1975-76	93,327 in 14 games (6,666)	*1963-64	32,621 in 12 games (2,718)
1974-75	64,151 in 12 games (5,346)	*1962-63	34,772 in 12 games (2,898)
1973-74	67,855 in 15 games (4,524)	*1961-62	31,273 in 11 games (2,843)
1972-73	44,969 in 14 games (3,212)	*1960-61	32,912 in 12 games (2,743)
1971-72	37,732 in 13 games (2,903)	*1959-60	35,635 in 12 games (2,969)
*1970-71	33,200 in 12 games (2,767)	*1958-59	31,874 in 10 games (3,187)
*1969-70	37,697 in 13 games (2,899)	*1957-58	45,333 in 12 games (3,794)
*1968-69	42,028 in 13 games (3,233)	*1956-57	50,220 in 12 games (4,168)
*1967-68	33,767 in 12 games (2,814)	*1955-56	53,183 in 12 games (4,432)
*1966-67	33,661 in 12 games (2,805)	*1954-55	49,652 in 13 games (3,819)
*1965-66	35,692 in 13 games (2,746)	*1953-54	52,749 in 12 games (4,396)

*UM students in free and estimated to average 800.



REBOUNDING

1976-77	M. J. Richardson, 273—11.3 average
1975-76	M. J. Richardson, 203— 8.1 average
1974-75	Ken McKenzie, 311—10.7 average
1973-74	Ken McKenzie, 301—11.1 average
1972-73	Ken McKenzie, 247— 9.5 average
1971-72	Ray Howard, 224— 9.7 average
1970-71	Ray Howard, 268—11.2 average
1969-70	Howard Clark, 189— 7.3 average
1968-69	George Yule, 182— 7.3 average
1967-67	Don Parsons, 212— 8.8 average
1966-67	Norm Clark, 240—10.0 average
1965-66	Norm Clark, 232— 9.7 average
1964-65	Ed Samelton, 204— 7.8 average
1963-64	John Quist, 150— 6.5 average
1962-63	Steve Lowry, 163—10.2 average
1961-62	Steve Lowry, 276—11.6 average
1960-61	Steve Lowry, 321—14.0 average
1959-60	Duane Ruegsegger, 223—10.6 average
1958-59	Darrol Dunham, 292—12.1 average
1957-58	Russ Sheriff, 289—13.1 average
1956-57	Russ Sheriff, 200—10.0 average
1955-56	Russ Sheriff, 299—11.5 average
1954-55	Ray Howard, 393—15.1 average
1953-54	Eddie Anderson, 166— 6.4 average

SCORING

1976-77	M. R. Richardson, 500—19.2 average
1975-76	M. R. Richardson, 456—18.2 average
1974-75	Ken McKenzie, 518—17.9 average
1973-74	Ken McKenzie, 505—18.7 average
1972-73	Mike Murray, 438—16.8 average
1971-72	Mike Murray, 381—14.7 average
1970-71	Ray Howard, 332—13.8 average
1969-70	Dave Gustafson, 506—19.5 average
1968-69	Harold Ross, 479—18.4 average
1967-68	Don Parsons, 286—11.9 average
1966-67	Dennis Biletchnikoff, 363—15.1 average
1965-66	John (Doc) Holiday, 248—17.8 average
1964-65	Ed Samelton, 478—18.4 average
1963-64	Tim Aldrich, 297—14.1 average
1962-63	Ray Lucien, 260—10.8 average
1961-62	Steve Lowry, 363—15.1 average
1960-61	Bob O'Billovich, 328—14.3 average
1959-60	Dan Balko, 397—16.6 average
1958-59	Dan Balko, 390—16.3 average
1957-58	Jim Powell, 288—13.1 average
1956-57	Zip Rhoades, 316—14.4 average
1955-56	Ed Argenbright, 428—16.5 average
1954-55	Ray Howard, 446—17.2 average
1953-54	Ed Argenbright, 337—12.5 average



